When the school opened its doors on September 14, 1908, it became the world’s first school of journalism. The University Missourian published its first issue that day, exemplifying the school’s “Missouri Method” of hands-on training at multiple professional media affiliated with the school. In fact, the school still operates the only network-affiliated television newsroom in the country designed as a teaching facility.

The school’s pioneering endeavors continued in 1921 and 1934 with the awarding of the first master’s and doctoral degrees in journalism. And now more than 20,000 alumni from all over the world have become leaders in journalism, mass communication, and academia.

The free press plays an integral role in our society, as a champion of freedom and watchdog of liberty. The achievements of this school are a mark of pride for its students and faculty, for Missouri, and the Nation. I congratulate the school on the celebration of its 100th anniversary and look forward to future groundbreaking endeavors from the school’s leadership, faculty, alumni, and students.

TRIBUTE TO THE MALCOLM GROW MEDICAL CENTER

Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the great service that the Malcolm Grow Medical Center has done for this country. Malcolm Grow celebrated its 50th anniversary on July 31, 2008, and in those 50 years, it has provided medical care for those serving in the U.S. Air Force as well as their families. They follow in the proud tradition of medicine which their namesake developed.

MG Malcolm C. Grow was the first surgeon general of the U.S. Air Force, serving from July 1 to November 30, 1949. In 1943, General Grow received the Legion of Merit for developing body armor to protect combat crews. His research led the way in developing a light body armor and steel helmet that saved many lives and improved our fighters’ morale.

Today there are 372,200 eligible beneficiaries within 40 miles of the Malcolm Grow Medical Center. On a typical day, Malcolm Grow providers see 950 outpatients, 90 dental patients, 72 emergency room patients, and 183 inpatients. Staff complete seven surgical procedures and perform two deliveries. The Aeromedical Staging Flight takes care of 30 patients transitioning through the National Capital Region and carries out 1,663 pharmacy procedures. In 2007, Malcolm Grow oversaw over 10,400 patient and attendant movements alone.

General Grow’s innovative spirit has lived on at the Malcolm Grow Medical Center as it celebrates its 50th birthday. These are the East Coast hub for aeromedical evacuation and provide health care services to our Nation’s top leaders. I am proud to honor the great contribution which this facility has made to our service members, our Armed Forces, and our Nation.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

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

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the President Officer laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

To the Congress of the United States:

On May 13, 2008, I transmitted a message to the Congress transmitting the text of a proposed Agreement for Cooperation Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Russian Federation for Cooperation in the Field of Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy (the “proposed Agreement”), pursuant to sections 123 b. and 123 d. of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2153 (b), (d)) (the “Act”).

In view of recent actions by the Government of the Russian Federation in incompatible with peaceful relations with its democratic and democratic neighbor Georgia, I have determined that the determination regarding the proposed Agreement in Presidential Determination 2008-19 is no longer effective. Accordingly, a statutory prerequisite for the proposed Agreement to become effective, as required by section 123 b. of the Act, is no longer satisfied. If circumstances should permit future reconsideration of the proposed Agreement, a new determination will be made and the proposed Agreement will be submitted for congressional review pursuant to section 123 of the Act.

GEORGE W. BUSH

THE WHITE HOUSE, September 8, 2008.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING RECESS

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 4, 2007, the Secretary of the Senate, on August 1, 2008, during the recess of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 377. An act to resolve pending claims against Libya by United States nationals, and for other purposes.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 4, 2007, the enrolled bill was signed on August 1, 2008, during the recess of the Senate by the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 4, 2007, the Secretary of the Senate, on August 4, 2008, during the recess of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 2659. An act to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic in Enniskillen, Northern Ireland, as the Elwood R. Cosgrove U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

H.R. 5477. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 123 South Del Mar Avenue in San Gabriel, California, as the “Chi Mui Post Office Building”.

H.R. 4918. An act to name the Department of Veterans Affairs medical center in Miami, Florida, as the “Bruce W. Carter Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center”.

H.R. 5483. An act to designate the facility of the United States Post Office Service located at 7215 White Granite Drive in Oakton, Virginia, as the “Private First Class David H. Sharrett II Post Office Building”.

H.R. 5631. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 115 Seminole Trail in Charlottesville, Virginia, as the “Corporal Bradley T. Arms Post Office Building”.

H.R. 6063. An act to designate the facility of the United States Post Office Service located at 32222 Rancho Las Palmas Drive in Rancho Mirage, California, as the “Gerald R. Ford Post Office Building”.

H.R. 6085. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 219 East Main Street in West Frankfurt, Illinois, as the “Kenneth James Gray Post Office Building”.

H.R. 6150. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1500 Luevan Avenue in Cleveland, Ohio, as the “John P. Gallagher Post Office Building”.

H.R. 6310. An act to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 300 Quarropas Street in White Plains, New York, as the “Charles L.
Bresnahan, Jr., Federal Building and United States Courthouse**: 

H.R. 6582. An act to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to revise and extend a user-fee program, to establish a program of fees relating to generic new animal drugs, to make certain technical corrections to the Food and Drug Administration Amendments Act of 2007, and for other purposes. 

H.R. 6580. An act to ensure the fair treatment of a member of the Armed Forces who is discharged from the Armed Forces, at the request of the member, pursuant to the Department of Defense policy permitting the early discharge of a member who is the surviving child in a family in which the father or mother, or one or more siblings, served in the Armed Forces and, because of hazards incident to such service, was killed, died as a result of wounds, accident, or disease, is in a captured or missing in action status, or is permanently disabled, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the dollar limitations on contributions to funeral trusts, and for other purposes. 

S. 3294. An act to provide for the continued performance of the functions of the United States Parole Commission. 

S. 3296. An act to amend title 35, United States Code, and the Trademark Act of 1946 to provide that the Secretary of Commerce, in consultation with the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, shall appoint administrative patent judges and administrative trademark judges, and for other purposes. 

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 4, 2007, the enrolled bills were signed on August 4, 2008, during the recess of the Senate, by the President pro tempore (Mr. Byrd).

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE 

At 3:00 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate: 

H.R. 6599. An act making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes. 

MEASURES DISCHARGED DURING RECESS 

The following measure was discharged from the Committee on Foreign Relations, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 2159, and placed on the Calendar: 

S.J. Res. 42. Joint resolution relating to the approval of the proposed agreement for nuclear cooperation between the United States and the Russian Federation. 

MEASURES DISCHARGED 

The following measure was discharged from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions by unanimous consent, and referred to the Judiciary: 

H.R. 5657. An act to reauthorize the Debbie Smith DNA Backlog Grant Program; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR 

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

S. 3430. A bill to provide for the investigation of certain unsoved civil rights crimes, and for other purposes. 

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

H.R. 6598. An act making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes. 

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED 

The Secretary of the Senate reported that she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills: 

On August 1, 2008: 

S. 3370. An act to resolve pending claims against Libya by United States nationals, and for other purposes.

On August 5, 2008: 

S. 3324. An act to provide for the continued performance of the functions of the United States Parole Commission.

S. 3295. An act to amend title 35, United States Code, and the Trademark Act of 1946 to provide that the Secretary of Commerce, in consultation with the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, shall appoint administrative patent judges and administrative trademark judges, and for other purposes. 

EC-7377. A communication from the Acting Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ‘‘Ship Critical Safety System’’ (DFARS Case 2007-D016) received on August 8, 2008; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7378. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement Policy, and Strategic Sourcing, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ‘‘Trade Agreements—New Thresholds’’ (DFARS Case 2007-D022) received on August 8, 2008; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7380. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ‘‘Final Flood Elevation Determinations’’ (73 FR 42265) received on August 5, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7383. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ‘‘Final Flood Elevation Determinations’’ (73 FR 42265) received on August 5, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7384. A communication from the Acting Secretary, Division of Corporation Finance, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ‘‘Commission Guidance on the Use of Company Web Sites’’ (Release Nos. 34–58293, IC-28351) received on August 5, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7385. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Installations and Environment), transmitting, pursuant to law, notification of the Department’s decision to convert to aircraft maintenance, administration, and corrosion control functions currently performed by 375 military personnel at various locations Navy-wide; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7376. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of (15) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the next higher grade in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777, to the Committee on Armed Services.