

the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to temporarily replace the 30-year Treasury rate with a rate based on long-term corporate bonds for certain pension plan funding requirements and other provisions, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3159. An act to require Federal agencies to develop and implement plans to protect the security and privacy of government computer systems from the risks posed by peer-to-peer file sharing.

H.R. 3182. An act to reauthorize the adoption incentive payments program under part E of title IV of the Social Security Act, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3229. An act to amend title 44, United States Code, to transfer to the Public Printer the authority over the individuals responsible for preparing indexes of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 52. A joint resolution recognizing the Dr. Samuel D. Harris National Museum of Dentistry, an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution in Baltimore, Maryland, as the official national museum of dentistry in the United States.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 71. Concurrent resolution recognizing the importance of Ralph Bunche as one of the great leaders of the United States, the first African-American Nobel Peace Prize winner, an accomplished scholar, a distinguished diplomat, and a tireless campaigner of civil rights for people throughout the world.

H. Con. Res. 274. Concurrent resolution commending the National Endowment for Democracy for its contributions to democratic development around the world on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the National Endowment for Democracy.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment to the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1474) to facilitate check truncation by authorizing substitute checks, to foster innovation in the check collection system without mandating receipt of checks in electronic form, and to improve the overall efficiency of the Nation's payments system, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 11:02 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by one of its clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 2152. An act to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to extend for an additional 5 years the special immigrant religious worker program.

The enrolled bill previously signed by the Speaker of the House, was signed on today, October 14, 2003, by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 708. An act to require the conveyance of certain National Forest System lands in

Mendocino National Forest, California, to provide for the use of the proceeds from such conveyance for National Forest purposes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1303. An act to amend the E-Government Act of 2002 with respect to rulemaking authority of the Judicial Conference; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 1985. An act to amend the National Housing Act to increase the maximum mortgage amount limit for FHA-insured mortgages for multifamily housing located in high-cost areas; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 2264. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2004 and 2005 to carry out the Congo Basin Forest Partnership (CBFP) program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 2297. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve benefits under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 2452. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 339 Hicksville Road in Bethpage, New York, as the "Brian C. Hickey Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 2655. An act to amend and extend the Irish Peace Process Cultural and Training Program Act of 1998; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 2755. An act to authorize the President to issue posthumously to the late William "Billy" Mitchell a commission as major general, United States Army; to the Committee on Armed Services.

H.R. 2998. An act to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide permanent authority for the exemption for certain members of the uniformed services from an otherwise-applicable requirement for the payment of subsistence charges while hospitalized; to the Committee on Armed Services.

H.R. 3054. An act to amend the Policemen and Firemen's Retirement and Disability Act to permit military service previously performed by members and former members of the Metropolitan Police Department of the District of Columbia, the Fire Department of the District of Columbia, the United States Park Police, and the United States Secret Service to count as creditable service for purposes of calculating retirement annuities payable to such members upon payment of a contribution by such members, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 3062. An act to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to issue separately, for the same area, a lease for tar sand and a lease for oil and gas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 3519. An act to require Federal agencies to develop and implement plans to protect the security and privacy of government computer systems from the risks posed by peer-to-peer file sharing; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 3182. An act to reauthorize the adoption incentive payments program under part E of title IV of the Social Security Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

The following concurrent resolutions were read, and referred as indicated;

H. Con. Res. 71. Concurrent resolution recognizing the importance of Ralph Bunche as one of the great leaders of the United States, the first African-American Nobel Peace Prize winner, an accomplished scholar, a distinguished diplomat, and a tireless campaigner of civil rights for people throughout

the world; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H. Con. Res. 74. Concurrent resolution commending the National Endowment for Democracy for its contributions to democratic development around the world on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the National Endowment for Democracy; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. SPECTER, from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, without amendment:

S. 1131. A bill to increase, effective December 1, 2003, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans (Rept. No. 108-163).

By Mr. SPECTER, from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, with amendments and an amendment to the title:

H.R. 1516. To provide for the establishment by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs of five additional cemeteries in the National Cemetery System (Rept. No. 108-164).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Mr. BROWNBACK):

S. 1718. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3710 West 73rd Terrace in Prairie Village, Kansas, as the "Senator James B. Pearson Post Office"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

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

S. 1719. A bill to amend chapter 5 of title 28, United States Code, to provide for the approval of the reassignment of district judges in divisions with 3 or fewer judges in districts in the State of Texas; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 1720. A bill to provide for Federal court proceedings in Plano, Texas; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CAMPBELL:

S. 1721. A bill to amend the Indian Land Consolidation Act to improve provisions relating to probate of trust and restricted land, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. SANTORUM:

S. 1722. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on electron guns for cathode ray tubes (CRT's) with a high definition television screen aspect ratio of 16:9; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SANTORUM:

S. 1723. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on plasma display panels for use in plasma flat screen televisions; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SANTORUM:

S. 1724. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on Liquid Crystal Display (LCD) panel assemblies for use in LCD projection type televisions; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 1725. A bill to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to issue separately, for the same area,

a lease for tar sand and a lease for oil and gas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself and Mr. DODD):

S. 1726. A bill to reduce the preterm labor and delivery and the risk of pregnancy-related deaths and complications due to pregnancy, and to reduce infant mortality caused by prematurity; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DOMENICI:

S. 1727. A bill to authorize additional appropriations for the Reclamation Safety of Dams Act of 1978; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. ALLEN, Ms. SNOWE, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. MILLER, Mr. DASCHLE, and Mr. DORGAN):

S. 1728. A bill to amend the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001 (Public Law 107-42; 49 U.S.C. 40101 note) to provide compensation for the United States Citizens who were victims of the bombings of United States embassies in East Africa on August 7, 1998, the attack on the U.S.S. Cole on October 12, 2000, or the attack on the World Trade Center on February 26, 1993, on the same basis as compensation is provided to victims of the terrorist-related aircraft crashes on September 11, 2001; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GRAHAM of Florida (for himself and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 1729. A bill to establish an informatics grant program for hospitals and skilled nursing facilities in order to encourage health care providers to make major information technology advances; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BIDEN, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 1730. A bill to require the health plans provide coverage for a minimum hospital stay for mastectomies, lumpectomies, and lymph node dissection for the treatment of breast cancer and coverage for secondary consultations; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 168

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 168, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the San Francisco Old Mint.

S. 249

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 249, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide that remarriage of the surviving spouse of a deceased veteran after age 55 shall not result in termination of dependency and indemnity compensation otherwise payable to that surviving spouse.

S. 269

At the request of Mr. JEFFORDS, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 269, a bill to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to further the conservation of certain wildlife species.

S. 401

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from New Jersey

(Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 401, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to increase to parity with other surviving spouses the basic annuity that is provided under the uniformed services Survivor Benefit Plan for surviving spouses who are at least 62 years of age; and for other purposes.

S. 445

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 445, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to revise the age and service requirements for eligibility to receive retired pay for non-regular service.

S. 480

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 480, a bill to provide competitive grants for training court reporters and closed captioners to meet requirements for realtime writers under the Telecommunications Act of 1996, and for other purposes.

S. 736

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the names of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) and the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) were added as cosponsors of S. 736, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to strengthen enforcement of provisions relating to animal fighting, and for other purposes.

S. 811

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 811, a bill to support certain housing proposals in the fiscal year 2003 budget for the Federal Government, including the downpayment assistance initiative under the HOME Investment Partnership Act, and for other purposes.

S. 882

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. BREAUX) was added as a cosponsor of S. 882, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide improvements in tax administration and taxpayer safe-guards, and for other purposes.

S. 894

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 894, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 230th Anniversary of the United States Marine Corps, and to support construction of the Marine Corps Heritage Center.

S. 976

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. BUNNING) was added as a cosponsor of S. 976, a bill to provide for the issuance of a coin to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the Jamestown settlement.

S. 982

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma

(Mr. NICKLES) was added as a cosponsor of S. 982, a bill to halt Syrian support for terrorism, end its occupation of Lebanon, stop its development of weapons of mass destruction, cease its illegal importation of Iraqi oil, and hold Syria accountable for its role in the Middle East, and for other purposes.

S. 985

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 985, a bill to amend the Federal Law Enforcement Pay Reform Act of 1990 to adjust the percentage differentials payable to Federal law enforcement officers in certain high-cost areas, and for other purposes.

S. 1028

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1028, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish an Office of Men's Health.

S. 1053

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY), the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU), the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON), the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) and the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1053, a bill to prohibit discrimination on the basis of genetic information with respect to health insurance and employment.

S. 1081

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. ALLARD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1081, a bill to amend section 504(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 to eliminate the 2-year wait out period for grant recipients.

S. 1214

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. BREAUX) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1214, a bill to provide a partially refundable tax credit for caregiving related expenses.

S. 1287

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. ALLARD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1287, a bill to amend section 502(a)(5) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 regarding the definition of a Hispanic-serving institution.

S. 1298

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the names of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) and the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) were added as cosponsors of S. 1298, a bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to ensure the humane slaughter of non-ambulatory livestock, and for other purposes.