

From the Committee on Ways and Means, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. THOMAS, CRANE, MCCREERY, RANGEL, and LEVIN.

From the Committee on Agriculture, for consideration of title VIII of the House bill, and subtitle B of title XI of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. GOODLATTE, BOEHNER, and STENHOLM.

From the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for consideration of sections 489, 490, 616, 701, and 719 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. BOEHNER, SAM JOHNSON of Texas, and GEORGE MILLER of California.

From the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for consideration of section 662 and subtitle A of title XI of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. BARTON of Texas, BURR, and WAXMAN.

From the Committee on the Judiciary, for consideration of sections 422, 442, 1111, 1151, and 1161 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. SENSENBRENNER, SMITH of Texas, and CONYERS.

For consideration of the House bill and Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. DELAY.

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION AND BILL SIGNED

At 12:34 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill and joint resolution:

H.J. Res. 107. Joint resolution making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2005, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4654. An act to reauthorize the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998 through fiscal year 2007, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bill and joint resolution were signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

At 12:51 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that pursuant to the request of September 20, 2004, the House returned the act (H.R. 4567) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes to the Senate.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1402. An act to designate the United States courthouse located at the corner of Seventh Street and East Jackson Street in Brownsville, Texas, as the "Reynoldo G. Garza and Filemon B. Vela United States Courthouse".

H.R. 3124. An act to designate the facility of the United States Geological Survey and the United States Bureau of Reclamation located at 230 Collins Road, Boise, Idaho, as the "F.H. Newell Building".

H.R. 3193. An act to restore second amendment rights in the District of Columbia.

H.R. 4731. An act to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the National Estuary Program.

H.R. 4768. An act to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into certain major medical facility leases, to authorize that Secretary to transfer real property subject to certain limitations, otherwise to improve management of medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5105. An act to authorize the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution to carry out construction and related activities in support of the collaborative Very Energetic Radiation Imaging Telescope Array System (VERITAS) project on Kitt Peak near Tucson, Arizona.

H.R. 5149. An act to reauthorize the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant program through March 31, 2005, and for other purposes.

At 2:29 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. 5183. An act to provide an extension of highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a law reauthorizing the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century.

At 6:36 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. 4231. An act to provide for a pilot program in the Department of Veterans Affairs to improve recruitment and retention of nurses, and for other purposes.

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

H. Con. Res. 501. Concurrent resolution honoring the life and work of Duke Ellington, recognizing the 30th anniversary of the Duke Ellington School of the Arts, and supporting the annual Duke Ellington Jazz Festival.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 1012(c)(1) of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (42 U.S.C. 242b note), the Minority Leader appoints Mr. Thomas M. Priselac of Los Angeles, California, to the Commission on Systemic Interoperability.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

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The enrolled bills were signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

S. 2866. A bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to clarify the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture and the Commodity Credit Corporation to enter into memorandums of understanding with a State regarding the collection of approved State commodity assessments on behalf of the State from the proceeds of marketing assistance loans.

The following resolution was discharged from the Committee on Rules and Administration, and ordered placed on the calendar:

S. Res. 360. Resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that legislative information shall be publicly available through the Internet.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

H.R. 4596. An act to amend Public Law 97-435 to extend the authorization for the Secretary of the Interior to release certain conditions contained in a patent concerning certain land conveyed by the United States to Eastern Washington University until December 31, 2009.

H.R. 4606. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation and in coordination with other Federal, State, and local government agencies, to participate in the funding and implementation of a balanced, long-term groundwater remediation program in California, and for other purposes.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 424. A resolution designating October 2004 as "Protecting Older Americans From Fraud Month".

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2195. A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to clarify the definition of anabolic steroids and to provide for research and education activities relating to steroids and steroid precursors.

By Mr. CAMPBELL, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, with amendments:

S. 2843. A bill to make technical corrections to laws relating to Native Americans, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. WARNER for the Committee on Armed Services.

*Peter Cyril Wyche Flory, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Air Force nomination of Lt. Gen. Bruce A. Carlson.

Air Force nomination of Maj. Gen. Dennis R. Larsen.

Air Force nomination of Maj. Gen. William M. Fraser III.

Air Force nomination of Lt. Gen. Carrol H. Chandler.

Air Force nomination of Maj. Gen. Stephen G. Wood.

Air Force nomination of Colonel Robert A. Knauff.

Air Force nomination of Col. Dana H. Born.

Air Force nomination of Col. Marshall K. Sabol.

Army nomination of Lt. Gen. Benjamin S. Griffin.

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. Kevin C. Kiley.

Army nomination of Lt. Gen. James J. Lovelace, Jr.

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. James M. Dubik.

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. Robert T. Dail.

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. David F. Melcher.

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. R. Steven Whitcomb.

Army nomination of Lt. Gen. David D. McKiernan.

Army nominations beginning Brig. Gen. James E. Archer and ending Col. Gregory A. Schumacher, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 7, 2004.

Army nomination of Colonel Karl R. Horst.

Army nomination of Col. Dana D. Batey.

Army nomination of Col. Michael B. Cates.

Marine Corps nomination of Maj. Gen. James N. Mattis.

Marine Corps nomination of Lt. Gen. Edward Hanlon, Jr.

Navy nomination of Vice Adm. Kirkland H. Donald.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. Charles L. Munns.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. James K. Moran.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. Joseph A. Sestak, Jr.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. Mark P. Fitzgerald.

Navy nomination of Vice Adm. Gary Roughead.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. Lewis W. Crenshaw, Jr.

Navy nomination of Capt. Bruce E. MacDonald.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. James E. McPherson.

Navy nomination of Capt. Norton C. Joerg.

Navy nomination beginning Captain Gerald R. Beaman and ending Captain Richard B. Wren, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 23, 2004.

Navy nomination of Capt. Christine S. Hunter.

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, for the Committee on Armed Services I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORDS on the dates indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Air Force nomination of Marjorie B. Medina.

Air Force nomination of Henry Lee Einsel, Jr.

Air Force nomination of Robert L. Munson.

Air Force nomination of James Miller.

Air Force nominations beginning Michael M. Harting and ending Joel C. Wright, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 8, 2004.

Air Force nomination of Dana J. Nelson.

Air Force nomination of William E. Lindsey.

Air Force nomination of Martin S. Fass.

Air Force nomination of Frank A. Posey.

Air Force nomination of Tracey R. *Rockenbach.

Air Force nominations beginning Shannon D. *Hailes and ending Michael F. Lamb, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 10, 2004.

Air Force nominations beginning Tommy D. *Bouie and ending Jennifer L. *Luce, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 10, 2004.

Air Force nominations beginning Noel D. Montgomery and ending Alexander V. *Servino, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 13, 2004.

Air Force nominations beginning Kathleen Harrington and ending Paul E. Pirog, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 21, 2004.

Air Force nomination of George J. Krakie.

Air Force nominations beginning David A. Lujan and ending Michael C. Schramm, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 21, 2004.

Air Force nominations beginning Douglas A. Haberman and ending Matthew S. Warner, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 21, 2004.

Air Force nomination of Martin J. Towey.

Army nominations beginning Juan H. Banks and ending Lisa N. Yarbrough, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 8, 2004.

Army nominations beginning Michael J. Blachura and ending Ronald P. Welch, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 10, 2004.

Army nominations beginning Scott A. Ayres and ending Gerald I. Walter, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 10, 2004.

Army nominations beginning Mark A. Cosgrove and ending Ronnie J. Westman, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 10, 2004.

Army nominations beginning Steven H. Bullock and ending John M. Stang, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 10, 2004.

Army nominations beginning Michael N. Albertson and ending William S. Woessner, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 10, 2004.

Army nominations beginning John W. Amberg II and ending Richard G. Zoller, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 10, 2004.

Army nominations beginning Gilbert Adams and ending Scott W. Zurschmit, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 10, 2004.

Army nominations beginning Celestia M. Abner and ending Cherub I. *Williamson, which nominations were received by the Sen-

ate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 10, 2004.

Army nominations beginning Thomas L. *Adams, Jr. and ending Kathryn M. *Zambonicutter, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 10, 2004.

Army nomination of Raymond L. Naworol.

Army nomination of Keith A. George.

Army nomination of Curtis L. Beck.

Army nomination of Rex A. Harrison.

Army nominations beginning Kevin Hammond and ending Michael Knippel, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 13, 2004.

Army nominations beginning Jaime B. *Anderson and ending Joseph G. *Williamson, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 13, 2004.

Army nominations beginning James R. Andrews and ending Shanda M. Zugner, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 13, 2004.

Army nominations beginning Michael C. Aaron and ending X4130, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 13, 2004.

Army nominations beginning Christopher W. *Abbott and ending X3181, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 13, 2004.

Army nomination of John R. Peloquin.

Marine Corps nomination of John T. Brower.

Marine Corps nomination of John M. Sessoms.

Marine Corps nomination of Randy O. Carter.

Navy nomination beginning Andrew M. Archila and ending Richard G. Zeber, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 8, 2004.

Navy nominations beginning Ray A. Bailey and ending David A. Stroud, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 8, 2004.

Navy nominations beginning Raymond Alexander and ending Mark A. Ziegler, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 8, 2004.

Navy nominations beginning Steven W. Ashton and ending Jason D. Zeda, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 8, 2004.

Navy nominations beginning Tammera L. Ackiss and ending Kathleen L. Yuhas, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 8, 2004.

Navy nominations beginning Ik J. Ahn and ending Sara B. Zimmer, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 8, 2004.

Navy nominations beginning Kerry L. Abramson and ending Andru E. Wall, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 8, 2004.

Navy nomination of Arthur B. Short.

Navy nomination of Scott Drayton.

Navy nomination of Cipriano Pineda, Jr.

Navy nominations beginning Michael P. Amstutz, Jr. and ending James J. Wojtowicz, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 10, 2004.

Navy nominations beginning Jerry L. Alexander and ending Lori C. Works, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 10, 2004.

Navy nominations beginning Patrick L. Bennett and ending Ernest C. Woodward, Jr., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 10, 2004.

Navy nominations beginning Claude W. Arnold, Jr. and ending Steven M. Wendlin, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 10, 2004.

Navy nominations beginning Christopher L. Bowen and ending William L. Wood, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 10, 2004.

Navy nominations beginning Julie M. Alfieri and ending Donna I. Yacovoni, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 10, 2004.

Navy nominations beginning Marianie O. Balolong and ending Karen M. Wingeart, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 10, 2004.

Navy nominations beginning Thomas G. Alford and ending Kendal T. Zamzow, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 10, 2004.

Navy nominations beginning Ryan D. Aaron and ending David G. Zook, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 10, 2004.

Navy nominations beginning Glenn A. Jett and ending Matthew Williams, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 13, 2004.

Navy nominations beginning Richard S. Adcock and ending Jeffrey G. Zeller, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 13, 2004.

Navy nomination of Daniel C. Ritenburg.

Navy nomination of Dwayne Banks.

Navy nominations beginning Bill R. Davis and ending William H. Speaks, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 21, 2004.

By Mr. HATCH for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Raymond L. Finch, of the Virgin Islands, to be Judge for the District Court of the Virgin Islands for a term of ten years.

Micaela Alvarez, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for Southern District of Texas.

Keith Starrett, of Mississippi, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Mississippi.

Lisa Godbey Wood, of Georgia, to be United States District Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia for the term of four years.

David E. Nahmias, of Georgia, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia for the term of four years.

Richard B. Roper III, of Texas, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Texas for the term of four years.

Ricardo H. Hinojosa, of Texas, to be Chair of the United States Sentencing Commission.

Michael O'Neill, of Maryland, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission for a term expiring October 31, 2009.

Ruben Castillo, of Illinois, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission for a term expiring October 31, 2009.

William Sanchez, of Florida, to be Special Counsel of Immigration-Related Unfair Practices for a term of four years.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed sub-

ject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

(Nominations with an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

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. HAGEL:

S. 2867. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to increase the amount of the military death gratuity from \$12,000 to \$50,000; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. SARBANES (for himself, Mr. CORZINE, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. DODD, Mrs. BOXER, and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 2868. A bill to amend the Electronic Fund Transfer Act to extend certain consumer protections to international remittance transfers of funds originating in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. TALENT:

S. 2869. A bill to respond to the illegal production, distribution, and use of methamphetamines in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. SNOWE:

S. 2870. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue certificates of documentation with appropriate endorsements for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessels LOBSTAR and SARA BELLE; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. GRAHAM of South Carolina (for himself and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 2871. A bill to provide for enhanced criminal penalties for crimes related to slavery and alien smuggling; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BUNNING (for himself and Mr. NELSON of Nebraska):

S. 2872. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit to certain agriculture-related businesses for the cost of protecting certain chemicals; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRASSLEY:

S. 2873. A bill to extend the authority of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Iowa to hold court in Rock Island, Illinois; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BIDEN:

S. 2874. A bill to authorize appropriations for international broadcasting operations and capital improvements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BOND:

S. 2875. A bill to extend trade benefits to certain tents imported into the United States; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mr. BAYH, and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 2876. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to eliminate reductions in payments to hospitals for the indirect costs of medical education; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GREGG (for himself, Mr. BOND, and Mr. GRAHAM of South Carolina):

S. 2877. A bill to reduce the special allowance for loans from the proceeds of tax ex-

empt issues, and to provide additional loan forgiveness for teachers who teach mathematics, science, or special education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CAMPBELL:

S. 2878. A bill to amend the Hoopa-Yurok Settlement Act to provide for the acquisition of land for the Yurok Reservation and an increase in economic development beneficial to the Hoopa Valley Tribe and the Yurok Tribe, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. CAMPBELL:

S. 2879. A bill to restore recognition to the Winnemem Wintu Indian Tribe of California; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. LAUTENBERG:

S. Con. Res. 139. A concurrent resolution directing the Architect of the Capitol to establish a temporary exhibit in the rotunda of the Capitol to honor the memory of members of the United States Armed Forces who have lost their lives in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 540

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the names of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD), the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN), and the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) were added as cosponsors of S. 540, a bill to authorize the presentation of gold medals on behalf of Congress to Native Americans who served as Code Talkers during foreign conflicts in which the United States was involved during the 20th Century in recognition of the service of those Native Americans to the United States.

S. 641

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 641, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to support the Federal Excess Personal Property program of the Forest Service by making it a priority of the Department of Defense to transfer to the Forest Service excess personal property of the Department of Defense that is suitable to be loaned to rural fire departments.

S. 847

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. EDWARDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 847, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to permit States the option to provide Medicaid coverage for low income individuals infected with HIV.

S. 1379

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1379, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in