

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:24 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 bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1768. An act to amend title 28, United States Code, to allow a judge to whom a case is transferred to retain jurisdiction over certain multidistrict litigation cases for trial, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3059. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 304 West Michigan Street in Stuttgart, Arkansas, as the "Lloyd L. Burke Post Office".

H.R. 3873. An act to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to provide children with access to food and nutrition assistance, to simplify program operations, to improve children's nutritional health, and to restore the integrity of child nutrition programs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3926. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to promote organ donation, and for other purposes.

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. 189. Concurrent resolution celebrating the 50th anniversary of the International Geophysical Year (IGY) and supporting an International Geophysical Year-2 (IGY-2) in 2007-08.

H. Con. Res. 328. Concurrent resolution recognizing and honoring the United States Armed Forces and supporting the goals and objectives of a National Military Appreciation Month.

The message further announced that the House agree to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 254) to authorize the President of the United States to agree to certain amendments to the Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Mexican States concerning the establishment of a Border Environment Cooperation Commission and a North American Development Bank, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 1501(b) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004 (38 U.S.C. 1101 note), and the order of the House of December 8, 2003, the Speaker appoints the following members on the part of the House of Representatives to the Veterans' Disability Benefits Commission: Mr. Nick B. Bacon of Rosebud, Arkansas and Mr. Donald M. Cassidy of Aurora, Illinois.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following joint resolution previously received from the House of Representatives on February 4, 2004, for concurrence was read the first and second times by unanimous consent and referred as indicated:

H.J. Res. 84. Joint Resolution recognizing the 93d birthday of Ronald Reagan; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 1768. An act to amend title 28, United States Code, to allow a judge to whom a case is transferred to retain jurisdiction over certain multidistrict litigation cases for trial, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 3059. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 304 West Michigan Street in Stuttgart, Arkansas, as the "Lloyd L. Burke Post Office"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 3873. An act to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to provide children with access to food and nutrition assistance, to simplify program operations, to improve children's nutritional health, and to restore the integrity of child nutrition programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

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

H. Con. Res. 189. Concurrent resolution celebrating the 50th anniversary of the International Geophysical Year (IGY) and supporting an International Geophysical Year-2 (IGY-2) in 2007-08; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H. Con. Res. 328. Concurrent resolution recognizing and honoring the United States Armed Forces and supporting the goals and objectives of a National Military Appreciation Month.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

H.R. 339. To prevent legislative and regulatory functions from being usurped by civil liability actions brought or continued against food manufacturers, marketers, distributors, advertisers, sellers, and trade associations for claims of injury relating to a person's weight gain, obesity, or any health condition associated with weight gain or obesity.

H.R. 3717. To increase the penalties for violations by television and radio broadcasters of the prohibitions against transmissions of obscene, indecent, and profane material, and for other purposes.

S. 2236. A bill to enhance the reliability of the electric system.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-6761. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tuberculosis in Cattle and Bison; State and Zone Designations; Delay of Compliance Date" (Doc. No. 03-072-2) received on March 25, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6762. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Ammonium Bicarbonate; Exemption from the Re-

quirement of a Tolerance" (FRL#7341-3) received on March 25, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6763. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bacillus Thuringiensis Cry3Bb1; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL#7350-5) received on March 25, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6764. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rhamnolipid Biosurfactant; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL#7347-7) received on March 25, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6765. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Time-Limited Exemption from Requirement of a Tolerance; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL#7350-8) received on March 25, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6766. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Zoxamide; Pesticide Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions" (FRL#7349-3) received on March 25, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6767. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Japanese Beetle; Domestic Quarantine and Regulations" (Doc. No. 03-057-2) received on March 25, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6768. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Plant Protection Act; Revisions to Authority Citations; Technical Amendment" (Doc. No. 00-063-3) received on March 25, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6769. A communication from the Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to progress towards achieving militarily significant benchmarks in Kosovo during the period of July 1 to December 31, 2003; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6770. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6771. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Memorandum of Understanding—Sweden" (DFARS Case 2003-D089) received on March 23, 2004; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6772. A communication from the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Manpower and Personnel, Department of the Navy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the conversion to contractor performance a function of the Department of Defense performed by 176 civilian employees; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6773. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Division of Corporation Finance, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Additional Form 80K Disclosure Requirements and Acceleration of Filing Date" (RIN3235-A147) received on March 23, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6774. A communication from the Administrator and Chief Executive Officer, Bonneville Power Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2003; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6775. A communication from the Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's Annual Energy Outlook 2004; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6776. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Law, Office of Procurement and Assistance Policy, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Financial Assistance Rules" (RIN1991-AB66) received on March 23, 2004; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6777. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Illinois; Definition of Volatile Organic Material and Volatile Organic Compound" (FRL#7635-5) received on March 25, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6778. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Texas; Control Emission of Oxides of Nitrogen (NOx) from Cement Kilns" (FRL#7638-5) received on March 25, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6779. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans; Illinois" (FRL#7632-7) received on March 25, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6780. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans; Ohio; Approval and Revision to Oxides of Nitrogen Regulations" (FRL#7632-4) received on March 25, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6781. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; Nitrogen Oxides Allowance Allocations for 2006-2007 and Revisions to Set-Aside Requirements" (FRL#7634-6) received on March 25, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6782. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "New Source Performance Standards and National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants; Delegation of Authority to Louisiana" (FRL#7638-7) received on March 25, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6783. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Research, Development, and Demonstration Permits for Municipal Solid Waste Landfills" (FRL#7637-9) received on March 25, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6784. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan; Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District" (FRL#7636-7) received on March 25, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6785. A communication from the Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Administration's Fiscal Year 2004 Capital Investment and Leasing Program; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6786. A communication from the Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, a report relative to the Commission's licensing and regulatory duties; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6787. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, seven Uniform Resource Locators (URLs) issued related to the Agency's regulatory programs; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6788. A communication from the Director, California Bay-Delta Authority, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Authority's 2003 Annual Report; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6789. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Delaware; Amendments to Regulation 23, Section 10-Aerospace Coatings" (FRL#7639-4) received on March 25, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6790. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Florida; Tampa Bay Area Maintenance Plan Update" (FRL#7640-6) received on March 25, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6791. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Determination of Nonattainment as of November 15, 1996 and Reclassification of the Beaumont/Port Arthur Ozone Nonattainment Area; State of Texas; Final Rule" (FRL#7641-2) received on March 25, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. BAUCUS):

S. 2231. A bill to reauthorize the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant program through June 30, 2004, and for other purposes; considered and passed.

By Mr. CAMPBELL (by request):

S. 2232. A bill to amend the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 to revise the fee cap on National Indian Gaming Commission funding and make certain technical amendments; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself and Mr. CARPER):

S. 2233. A bill to amend the Environmental Research, Development, and Demonstration Authorization Act of 1979 to establish in the Environmental Protection Agency the position of Deputy Administrator for Science and Technology; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. DASCHLE (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. REED, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. KOHL, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. GRAHAM of Florida, Mr. REID, and Mr. DODD):

S. 2234. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure that prescription drug card sponsors pass along discounts to beneficiaries under the medicare prescription drug discount card and transitional assistance program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HOLLINGS:

S. 2235. A bill to rename the Department of Commerce as the Department of Trade and Commerce and transfer the Office of the United States Trade Representative into the Department, to consolidate and enhance statutory authority to protect American jobs from unfair international competition, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 2236. A bill to enhance the reliability of the electric system; read the first time.

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

S. 2237. A bill to amend chapter 5 of title 17, United States Code, to authorize civil copyright enforcement by the Attorney General, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BUNNING (for himself, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. DOLE, and Mr. HAGEL):

S. 2238. A bill to amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 to reduce losses to properties for which repetitive flood insurance claim payments have been made; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 2239. A bill to establish a first responder and terrorism preparedness grant information hotline, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 2240. A bill to improve seaport security; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself and Mr. BROWNBACK):

S. Res. 324. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate relating to the extraordinary contributions resulting from the Hubble Space Telescope to scientific research and education, and to the need to reconsider future service missions to the Hubble Space Telescope; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.