

H.R. 804. An act to exclude from consideration as income certain payments under the national flood insurance program.

H.R. 3669. An act to temporarily increase the borrowing authority of the Federal Emergency Management Agency for carrying out the national flood insurance program.

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

At 11:14 a.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. 539. An act to designate certain National Forest System land in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico as a component of the National Wilderness Preservation System.

H.R. 3649. An act to ensure funding for sportfishing and boating safety programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund through the end of fiscal year 2005, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 276. An act to revise the boundary of the Wind Cave National Park in the State of South Dakota.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 26. Concurrent resolution honoring and memorializing the passengers and crew of United Airlines Flight 93.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 539. An act to designate certain National Forest System land in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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-3726. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel for Equal Opportunity and Administrative Law, Office of General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of nomination notifications for four Presidentially-appointed Senate-confirmed positions within the Department of Housing and Urban Development received on August 23, 2005; to the Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs.

EC-3727. A communication from the Acting Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to the United Arab Emirates; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3728. A communication from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to Mexico (New Pidiregas Projects); to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3729. A communication from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank of

the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to Mexico (Cantarell oil field); to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3730. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 2002 (April 15—June 15, 2005)"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3731. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" ((70 FR 43056)(44 CFR Part 67)) received on August 23, 2005; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3732. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" ((70 FR 43055)(Docket No. FEMA-D-7575)(44 CFR Part 65)) received on August 23, 2005; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3733. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" ((70 FR 43067)(44 CFR Part 67)) received on August 23, 2005; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3734. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" ((70 FR 47129)(44 CFR Part 67)) received on August 31, 2005; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3735. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" ((70 FR 47128)(44 CFR Part 67)) received on August 31, 2005; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3736. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((70 FR 48481)(Docket No. FEMA-7889)(44 CFR Part 64)) received on August 31, 2005; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3737. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" ((70 FR 40913)(44 CFR Part 65)) received on August 31, 2005; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3738. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" ((70 FR 40909)(44 CFR Part 65)) received on August 31, 2005; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3739. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((70 FR 38038)(Docket No. FEMA-7883)(44 CFR Part 64)) received on

August 31, 2005; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3740. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" ((70 FR 40915)(44 CFR Part 67)) received on August 31, 2005; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3741. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 05-200—05-213); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3742. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to action taken by the Department of State in response to the program recommendations of the Baghdad (Mollen) Accountability Review Board; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3743. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to U.S. Contributions to the International Fund for Ireland in Fiscal Year 2005; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3744. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Port Directors Definition, NATO Definition, Major Non-NATO Ally Definition, Recordkeeping Requirements, Supporting Documentation for Electronic License Applications, Disclosure of Registration Documents" (22 CFR Parts 120, 122, 123, 124, 126, and 127) received on August 22, 2005; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3745. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the fifty-third report on the extent and disposition of United States contributions to international organizations for fiscal year 2004; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3746. A communication from the National Treasurer, American Ex-Prisoners of War, transmitting, pursuant to law, the American Ex-Prisoners of War, Inc. Financial Statements with the Independent Auditors report for the year ended August 31, 2004; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3747. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reports by Registrants of Theft or Significant Loss of Controlled Substances" (RIN1117-AA73) received on August 31, 2005; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3748. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel and Designated Reporting Official, Office of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Deputy Director for Demand Reduction, received on August 31, 2005; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3749. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel and Designated Reporting Official, Office of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Deputy Director for Supply Reduction, received on August 31, 2005; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3750. A communication from the Rules Administrator, Federal Bureau of Prisons, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Inmate Fees for Health Care Services" ((RIN1120-AB11)(70 FR 43047)) received on August 31, 2005; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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. SMITH (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 1697. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow the Hope Scholarship Credit to cover fees, books, supplies, and equipment and to exempt Federal Pell Grants and Federal supplemental educational opportunity grants from reducing expenses taken into account for the Hope Scholarship Credit; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself and Mr. LUGAR):

S. 1698. A bill to accelerate efforts to develop vaccines for diseases primarily affecting developing countries and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. HATCH, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. BAYH, Mr. REED, and Ms. STABENOW):

S. 1699. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide criminal penalties for trafficking in counterfeit marks; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. COBURN (for himself, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. FRIST, Mr. REID, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. CARPER, and Mr. DEMINT):

S. 1700. A bill to establish an Office of the Hurricane Katrina Recovery Chief Financial Officer, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. THOMAS (for himself and Mr. ENZI):

S. 1701. A bill to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to improve the reclamation of abandoned mines; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. LOTT, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. BOND, and Mr. JEFFORDS):

S. 1702. A bill to modify requirements under the emergency relief program under title 23, United States Code, with respect to projects for repair or reconstruction in response to damage caused by Hurricane Katrina; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. KERRY:

S. 1703. A bill to provide for the development and implementation of an emergency backup communications system; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. DORGAN:

S. 1704. A bill to prohibit the use of Federal funds for the taking of property by eminent domain for economic development; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SALAZAR:

S. 1705. A bill to allow a credit against income tax for providing housing to victims of Hurricane Katrina and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to waive the limitation

on charitable donations by individuals for donations for the relief of the victims of Hurricane Katrina; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S.J. Res. 24. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to the reference to God in the Pledge of Allegiance and on United States currency; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, and Mr. BIDEN):

S. Res. 237. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on reaching an agreement on the future status of Kosovo; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. FRIST (for himself, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. BURR, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. TALENT, and Mr. VOINOVICH):

S. Res. 238. A resolution recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month and celebrating the vast contributions of Hispanic Americans to the strength and culture of our Nation; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 98

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. OBAMA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 98, a bill to amend the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 and the Revised Statutes of the United States to prohibit financial holding companies and national banks from engaging, directly or indirectly, in real estate brokerage or real estate management activities, and for other purposes.

S. 114

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 114, a bill to amend titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to ensure that every uninsured child in America has health insurance coverage, and for other purposes.

S. 246

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the names of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) were added as cosponsors of S. 246, a bill to repeal the sunset of the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 with respect to the expansion of the adoption credit and adoption assistance programs.

S. 309

At the request of Mr. DEMINT, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SANTORUM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 309, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the disposition of unused

health benefits in cafeteria plans and flexible spending arrangements.

S. 381

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 381, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to encourage guaranteed lifetime income payments from annuities and similar payments of life insurance proceeds at dates later than death by excluding from income a portion of such payments.

S. 385

At the request of Mr. DAYTON, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 385, a bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to restore integrity to and strengthen payment limitation rules for commodity payments and benefits.

S. 633

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 633, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of veterans who became disabled for life while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States.

S. 776

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. BYRD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 776, a bill to designate certain functions performed at flight service stations of the Federal Aviation Administration as inherently governmental functions, and for other purposes.

S. 842

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 842, a bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to establish an efficient system to enable employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, to provide for mandatory injunctions for unfair labor practices during organizing efforts, and for other purposes.

S. 855

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 855, a bill to improve the security of the Nation's ports by providing Federal grants to support Area Maritime Transportation Security Plans and to address vulnerabilities in port areas identified in approved vulnerability assessments or by the Secretary of Homeland Security.

S. 912

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 912, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to clarify the jurisdiction of the United States over waters of the United States.

S. 1038

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1038, a bill to amend the Farm