

At 6:22 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. 3132. An act to make improvements to the national sex offender registration program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3408. An act to reauthorize the Livestock Mandatory Reporting Act of 1999 and to amend the swine reporting provisions of that Act.

H.R. 3736. An act to protect volunteers assisting the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

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

H. Con. Res. 208. Concurrent resolution recognizing the 50th anniversary of Rosa Louise Parks' refusal to give up her seat on the bus and the subsequent desegregation of American society.

H. Con. Res. 240. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of a national day of prayer and remembrance for the victims of Hurricane Katrina and encouraging all Americans to observe that day.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 3132. An act to make improvements to the national sex offender registration program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

H. Con. Res. 208. Concurrent resolution recognizing the 50th anniversary of Rosa Louise Parks' refusal to give up her seat on the bus and the subsequent desegregation of American society; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H. Con. Res. 240. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of a national day of prayer and remembrance for the victims of Hurricane Katrina and encouraging all Americans to observe that day; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was discharged from the Committee on Finance, amended, and ordered placed on the calendar:

S. 1696. A bill to provide tax relief for the victims of Hurricane Katrina, to provide incentives for charitable giving, and for other purposes.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

S. 1715. A bill to provide relief for students and institutions affected by Hurricane Katrina, and for other purposes.

S. 1716. A bill to provide emergency health care relief for survivors of Hurricane Katrina, and for other purposes.

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-3751. A communication from the Commissioner, Social Security Administration, transmitting, the report of a draft bill entitled "Social Security Amendments of 2005" received August 31, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3752. A communication from the United States Trade Representative, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "The African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) Competitiveness Report"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3753. A communication from the Secretary, Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Utilization and Beneficiary Access to Services Post-Implementation of the Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities Prospective Payment System (IRF PPS)"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3754. A communication from the Secretary, Health and Human Services, transmitting, the Administration's draft proposals that would protect and strengthen the financing of the Medicaid program, as described in the President's Fiscal Year 2006 Budget; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3755. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program: Conditions for Payment of Power Mobility Devices, Including Power Wheelchairs and Power-Operated Vehicles" (RIN0938-AM74) received on August 31, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3756. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicaid Program; State Allotments for Payment of Medicare Part B Premiums for Qualifying Individuals: Federal Fiscal Year 2005" (RIN0938-A004) received on August 31, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3757. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Differential Earnings Rate for 2004 under Section 809" (Rev. Rul. 2005-58) received on August 22, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3758. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Section 411(d)(6) Protected Benefits" (RIN1545-BC26)(TD 9219) received on August 22, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3759. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bureau of Labor Statistics Price Indexes for Department Stores—July 2005" (Rev. Rul. 2005-63) received on August 31, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3760. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Stranded Cost No Rule" (Rev. Proc. 2005-61) received on August 31, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3761. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of

Revenue Procedure 2002-49" (Rev. Proc. 2005-62) received on August 31, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3762. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Staggered Remedial Amendment Period Revenue Procedure" (Rev. Proc. 2005-66) received on August 31, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3763. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interaction of section 420 and the Code and section 101 of the Medicare Prescription Drug Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003" (Rev. Rul. 2005-60) received on August 31, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3764. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Collected Excise Taxes; Duties of Collector" ((RIN1545-BB75)(TD 9221)) received on August 31, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3765. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidance under Section 951 for Determining Pro Rata Share" (RIN1545-BD49)(TD 9222) received on August 31, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3766. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Value of Life Insurance Contracts when Distributed from a Qualified Retirement Plan" ((RIN1545-BC20)(TD 9223)) received on August 31, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3767. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of Presidential Determination 2005-31 relative to waiving prohibition on United States Military assistance with respect to Cambodia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3768. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of Presidential Determination 2005-26 relative to waiving prohibition on United States Military assistance with respect to the Dominican Republic; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3769. A communication from the Under Secretary, Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)—Plain Language, Program Accountability, and Program Flexibility" (RIN0584-AC84) received August 22, 2005; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3770. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation relative to providing financial assistance to the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of Palau under the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3771. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, the report of draft bills relative to changes to the Commodity Credit Corporation funded Farm Bill programs, crop insurance and Food Stamp programs and requests authority to charge fees for several activities; to the

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3772. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Migratory Bird Hunting; Approval of Iron-Tungsten-Nickel Shot as Nontoxic for Hunting Waterfowl and Coots" (RIN1018-AT87) received on August 22, 2005; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3773. A communication from the Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Eighth Annual Report on Federal Agency Use of Voluntary Consensus Standards and Conformity Assessment"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3774. A communication from the Human Resources Specialist, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of action on a nomination and the discontinuation of service in the acting role for the position of Assistant Secretary for Veterans Employment and Training; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3775. A communication from the Regulatory Specialist, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Electronic Filing and Disclosure of Beneficial Ownership Reports" (RIN1557-AC75) received on August 22, 2005; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. STEVENS, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 360. A bill to amend the Coastal Zone Management Act (Rept. No. 109-137).

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. ALLEN (for himself and Mr. MARTINEZ):

S. 1706. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that distributions from a section 401(k) plan or a section 403(b) contract shall not be includable in gross income to the extent used to pay long-term care insurance premiums; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 1707. A bill for the relief of Abraham Jaars, Delicia Jaars, and Grant Jaars; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. VITTER, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. BOND, Mr. CARPER, Mr. WARNER, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. CHAFEE, Ms. LANDRIEU, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. THUNE):

S. 1708. A bill to modify requirements relating to the authority of the Administrator of General Services to enter into emergency leases during major disasters and other

emergencies; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. VITTER, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. WARNER, Mr. CARPER, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 1709. A bill to provide favorable treatment for certain projects in response to Hurricane Katrina, with respect to revolving loans under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. SANTORUM (for himself and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 1710. A bill to amend section 255 of the National Housing Act to remove the limitation on the number of reverse mortgages that may be insured under the FHA mortgage insurance program for such mortgages; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. VITTER):

S. 1711. A bill to allow the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to waive or modify the application of certain requirements; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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

S. 1712. A bill to establish a Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security for Management, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. LUGAR:

S. 1713. A bill to make amendments to the Iran Nonproliferation Act of 2000 related to International Space Station payments; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. LOTT, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. WARNER, Mr. BOND, Mr. CHAFEE, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. THUNE, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. CARPER, and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 1714. 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. ENZI (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 1715. A bill to provide relief for students and institutions affected by Hurricane Katrina, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. BAUCUS):

S. 1716. A bill to provide emergency health care relief for survivors of Hurricane Katrina, and for other purposes; read the first time.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. MARTINEZ:

S. Res. 239. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Infant Mortality Awareness Month; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SANTORUM (for himself, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. SMITH, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. BURR, Mr. COBURN, Mr. VITTER, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. DEWINE, and Mr. BIDEN):

S. Res. 240. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding manifestations of anti-Semitism by United Nations member states and urging action against anti-Semitism by United Nations officials, United Nations member states, and the Government of the United States, and for other purposes; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. JEFFORDS:

S. Res. 241. A resolution designating September 2005, as "Leukemia, Lymphoma, and Myeloma Awareness Month"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SESSIONS (for himself, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. FRIST, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. BURNS, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. GREGG, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ENZI, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. HATCH, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. BOND, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. VOINOVICH, and Mrs. DOLE):

S. Res. 242. A resolution to express the sense of the Senate that the President should appoint an individual to oversee Federal funds for the Hurricane Katrina recovery, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. TALENT (for himself, Mr. FRIST, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. LOTT, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. BURNS, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. THUNE, Mr. ENSIGN, and Mr. KYL):

S. Res. 243. A resolution expressing Support for the Pledge of Allegiance; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SALAZAR (for himself, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. PRYOR, and Mr. CONRAD):

S. Res. 244. A resolution expressing support for the Pledge of Allegiance; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 314

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. STEVENS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 314, a bill to protect consumers, creditors, workers, pensioners, shareholders, and small businesses, by reforming the rules governing venue in bankruptcy cases to combat forum shopping by corporate debtors.

S. 359

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 359, a bill to provide for the adjustment of status of certain foreign agricultural workers, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to reform the H-2A worker program under that Act, to provide a stable, legal agricultural workforce, to extend basic legal protections and better working conditions to more workers, and for other purposes.

S. 424

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 424, a bill to amend the Public