

I also commend his family for standing by him as he worked tirelessly to repair and strengthen the reputation of one of America's premier training institutions.

Thank you for the opportunity to honor the service of one of America's finest military officers. I wish General Rosa and his family the best as he begins his new career as President of the Citadel.

TRIBUTE TO IOWA STATE SENATOR MINNETTE DODERER

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, former Iowa State Senator Minnette Doderer, who passed away last month, was one of the true giants of Iowa politics. Born into very humble circumstances in Holland, IA in 1923, she served 12 terms in the Iowa House and two terms in the Iowa Senate, where she was the first woman to serve as President pro tempore.

Martin Luther King once said that "Life's most urgent and persistent question is: What are you doing for others?" During a long, feisty, and distinguished career in Iowa politics, Senator Doderer answered that question in spectacular fashion. She was a mentor and role model for women all across our State, a passionate champion of the Equal Rights Amendment, and an indomitable advocate for the poor, the neglected, and the voiceless in our State.

Some people run for public office to be somebody. Senator Doderer ran in order to get things done. She saw injustice, discrimination, and sexism, and she fought it with tremendous skill and courage. Above all, she made a practical difference, especially for women. She championed and passed legislation on equal rights, rape law reform, child care, and juvenile justice laws that made a concrete, tangible difference in the lives of Iowans.

Minnette Doderer was passionate about her family and her friends. She was a tough, tenacious fighter for what she believed in. She cared deeply about justice and fairness for ordinary people. Most of all, she was a good, decent, humane person—the kind of person that makes Iowa such a special place.

I valued Minnette's friendship and counsel. Though I regret she is no longer with us, I celebrate the living legacy she left behind: a better, fairer, more just and equal Iowa, especially for our daughters. May she rest in peace.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:22 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Chiappardi, 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. 3402. An act to authorize appropriations for the Department of Justice for fiscal years 2006 through 2009, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3824. An act to amend and reauthorize the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to provide greater results conserving and recovering listed species, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions:

H. Con. Res. 178. Concurrent resolution recognizing the need to pursue research into the causes, a treatment, and an eventual cure for idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, supporting the goals and ideals of National Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Week, and for other purposes.

H. Con. Res. 245. Concurrent resolution expressing the Sense of Congress that the United States Supreme Court should speedily find the use of the Pledge of Allegiance in schools to be consistent with the Constitution of the United States.

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

The message further announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled joint resolution:

H.J. Res. 68. Joint resolution making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2006, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276d, and the order of the House of January 4, 2005, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Canada-United States Interparliamentary Group, in addition to Mr. MANZULLO of Illinois, chairman, and Mr. McCOTTER of Michigan, vice chairman, appointed on March 8, 2005: Mr. OBERSTAR of Minnesota, Mr. SHAW of Florida, Ms. SLAUGHTER of New York, Mr. STEARNS of Florida, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. SOUDER of Indiana, Mr. TANCREDO of Colorado, and Mr. LIPINSKI of Illinois.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The following enrolled bill, previously signed by the Speaker of the House on yesterday, September 29, 2005, was signed subsequently on today, September 30, 2005, by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS):

S. 1752. An act to amend the United States Grain Standards Act to reauthorize that act.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 3824. An act to amend and reauthorize the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to provide greater results conserving and recovering listed species, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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

H. Con. Res. 178. Concurrent resolution recognizing the need to pursue research into the causes, a treatment, and an eventual cure for idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, supporting the goals and ideals of National Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Week, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H. Con. Res. 245. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the

United States Supreme Court should speedily find the use of the Pledge of Allegiance in schools to be consistent with the Constitution of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

S. 1802. A bill to provide for appropriate waivers, suspensions, or exemptions from provisions of title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 with respect to individual account plans affected by Hurricane Katrina or Rita.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, September 30, 2005, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 1752. An act to amend the United States Grain Standards Act to reauthorize that Act.

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 Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself and Mr. TALENT):

S. 1804. A bill to provide emergency assistance to agricultural producers who have suffered losses as a result of drought, Hurricane Katrina, and other natural disasters occurring during 2005, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 1805. A bill to repeal the increase in micropurchase authority for property and services for support of Hurricane Katrina relief and rescue operations; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 1806. A bill to authorize the United States Department of Energy to remediate the Western New York Nuclear Service Center in the Town of Ashford, New York, and dispose of nuclear waste; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. KERRY, Mr. VITTER, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. TALENT, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. BAYH):

S. 1807. A bill to provide assistance for small businesses damaged by Hurricane Katrina or Hurricane Rita, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. BINGAMAN:

S. 1808. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to improve the qualified medicare beneficiary (QMB) and specified low-income medicare beneficiary (SLMB) programs within the medicaid program; to the Committee on Finance.

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 (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. CORZINE, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. Res. 262. A resolution condemning the statements of former Education Secretary William J. Bennett; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. STEVENS, and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. Con. Res. 56. A concurrent resolution expressing appreciation for the contribution of Chinese art and culture and recognizing the Festival of China at the Kennedy Center; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 267

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 267, a bill to reauthorize the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, and for other purposes.

S. 569

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the names of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS), the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) and the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES) were added as cosponsors of S. 569, a bill to improve the health of women through the establishment of Offices of Women's Health within the Department of Health and Human Services.

S. 756

At the request of Mr. BENNETT, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 756, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to enhance public and health professional awareness and understanding of lupus and to strengthen the Nation's research efforts to identify the causes and cure of lupus.

S. 910

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the names of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) and the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) were added as cosponsors of S. 910, a bill to require that 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.

S. 1035

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1035, a bill to authorize the presentation of commemorative 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. 1403

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) was added as a cosponsor

of S. 1403, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend reasonable cost contracts under Medicare.

S. 1440

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BURNS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1440, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage for cardiac rehabilitation and pulmonary rehabilitation services.

S. 1700

At the request of Mr. COBURN, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1700, a bill to establish an Office of the Hurricane Katrina Recovery Chief Financial Officer, and for other purposes.

S. 1716

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1716, a bill to provide emergency health care relief for survivors of Hurricane Katrina, and for other purposes.

S. 1725

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1725, a bill to strengthen Federal leadership, provide grants, enhance outreach and guidance, and provide other support to State and local officials to enhance emergency communications capabilities, to achieve communications interoperability, to foster improved regional collaboration and coordination, to promote more efficient utilization of funding devoted to public safety communications, to promote research and development by both the public and private sectors for first responder communications, and for other purposes.

S. 1749

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1749, a bill to reinstate the application of the wage requirements of the Davis-Bacon Act to Federal contracts in areas affected by Hurricane Katrina.

S. 1779

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1779, a bill to amend the Humane Methods of Livestock Slaughter Act of 1958 to ensure the humane slaughter of nonambulatory livestock, and for other purposes.

S. 1793

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1793, a bill to extend certain apportionments to primary airports.

S. CON. RES. 37

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 37, a concurrent resolution honoring the life of Sister Dorothy Stang.

S. CON. RES. 48

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. SALAZAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 48, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that a commemorative postage stamp should be issued to promote public awareness of Down syndrome.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 1805. A bill to repeal the increase in micropurchase authority for property and services for support of Hurricane Katrina relief and rescue operations; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, Senator WYDEN and I are introducing legislation today to change a provision in law that was attendant to the emergency supplemental passed recently dealing with hurricane Katrina. That provision in law increased the amount of money that would be available to be spent on a Government credit card from \$2,500 to \$250,000. That is right—\$250,000 for purchases on a Government credit card.

Here is what a Government credit card looks like. There are about 390,000—somewhere in that neighborhood—390,000 Government credit cards in the country. I have three GAO reports that describe substantial abuse and misuse of these Government credit cards.

The proposal that passed this Congress attendant to the hurricane emergency relief says that on these credit cards, the limit will go from \$2,500 to \$250,000. Let me describe for a moment what the GAO found in various investigations.

What has been charged to a Government credit card? Hiring prostitutes, gambling, breast-enlargement surgery—yes, it was for a girlfriend of somebody who had a Government credit card—cigars, mounting a deer head, jewelry, wine, and the list goes on.

Now the limit goes to \$250,000. We aim to take it back to \$2,500. It will still have the emergency capabilities that existed since 9/11 which will allow a \$15,000 limit under emergencies.

We had a hearing at which a professor from GW Law School who is an expert in this area of Government procurement testified. Here is what he said about the \$250,000 credit card limit:

The potential for abuse is staggering.

Everybody knows that: “The potential for abuse is staggering.” If you don’t believe it, take a look at the GAO reports with respect to the abuse when the limit was \$2,500. Now it is \$250,000 for a credit card purchase? Who is going to stand up for the interest of the taxpayers?

This fellow, Mr. Safavian, was the top contracting officer for purchases of