

Everyday, untold numbers of workers, manufacturers, and suppliers on both sides of the border depend on the Detroit Windsor Tunnel to get to jobs and transport products. Thousands of families also use the tunnel. This movement of people and goods has an immeasurable impact on the economic health of Detroit and Windsor alike. In addition, the cross-border transit reinforces U.S.-Canadian relations.

It is with great pride that I honor the 75 years of valuable contributions made by the Detroit-Windsor Tunnel. I would like to extend my sincerest wishes of thanks and good luck to the people of Detroit and Windsor and the people who keep the tunnel operating as they work to make its future as productive and beneficial as its past. ●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:54 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House disagreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2419) entitled "An Act making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes", and agreed to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and appoints the following Members as the managers of the conference on the part of the House: Mr. HOBSON, Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, Mr. LATHAM, Mr. WAMP, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. SIMPSON, Mr. REHBERG, Mr. LEWIS of California, Mr. VISCLOSKY, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. PASTOR, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. BERRY, and Mr. OBEY.

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

H.R. 758. An act to establish an inter-agency aerospace revitalization task force to develop a national strategy for aerospace workforce recruitment, training, and cultivation.

H.R. 3256. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3038 West Liberty Avenue in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, as the "Congressman James Grove Fulton Memorial Post Office Building".

H.R. 3368. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6483 Lincoln Street in Gagetown, Michigan, as the "Gagetown Veterans Memorial Post Office".

H.R. 3675. An act to amend the Federal Trade Commission act to increase civil penalties for violations involving unfair or deceptive acts or practices that exploit popular reaction to an emergency or major disaster, and to authorize the Federal Trade Commission to seek civil penalties for such violations in actions brought under section 13 of that Act.

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

H. Con. Res. 269. Concurrent resolution recognizing the 40th anniversary of the White House Fellows Program.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 758. An act to establish an inter-agency aerospace revitalization task force to develop a national strategy for aerospace workforce recruitment, training, and cultivation; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 3256. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3038 West Liberty Avenue in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, as the "Congressman James Grove Fulton Memorial Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 3368. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6483 Lincoln Street in Gagetown, Michigan, as the "Gagetown Veterans Memorial Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 3675. An act to amend the Federal Trade Commission Act to increase civil penalties for violations involving unfair or deceptive acts or practices that exploit popular reaction to an emergency or major disaster, and to authorize the Federal Trade Commission to seek civil penalties for such violations in actions brought under section 13 of that Act; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 269. Concurrent resolution recognizing the 40th anniversary of the White House Fellows Program; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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-4404. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the July 2005 AMBER Alert Report; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4405. A communication from the Secretary, Judicial Conference of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to legislation that would authorize the remaining bankruptcy judgeships recommended by the Conference in February 2005; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4406. A communication from the Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of

Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Agency, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Schedules of Controlled Substances: Placement of Pregabalin into Schedule V" (Docket No. DEA-267F) received on October 21, 2005; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4407. A communication from the Chief, Regulatory Review Group, Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guaranteed Farm Ownership and Operating Loan Requirements" (RIN0560-AG65) received on October 21, 2005; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4408. A communication from the Chief, Regulatory Review Group, Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Dairy Disaster Assistance Program" (RIN0560-AH28) received on October 21, 2005; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4409. 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 nominations and the designation of acting officers for the positions of Assistant Secretary for Occupational Safety and Health and Assistant Secretary for Mine Safety and Health, received on October 21, 2005; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4410. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to adding a class of certain workers of Mallinckrodt Chemical Works to the Special Exposure Cohort; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4411. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Food Labeling; Nutrient Content Claims, Definition of Sodium Levels for the Term 'Healthy'" (RIN0910-AC49) received on October 21, 2005; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4412. A communication from the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief: Community and Faith-Based Organizations; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4413. A communication from the Executive Secretary and Chief of Staff, U.S. Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the reports of a vacancy in the position of Inspector General and nominations for the positions of Inspector General and Assistant Administrator, received on October 21, 2005; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4414. 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 05-247-05-259); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4415. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, transmitting, a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Philip R. Kensinger, Jr., United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4416. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, transmitting, a report on the approved

retirement of Vice Admiral Lowell E. Jacoby, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4417. A communication from the Acting Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prohibition of Foreign Taxation on U.S. Assistance Programs" (DFARS Case 2004-D012) received on October 21, 2005; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4418. A communication from the Acting Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Quality Control of Aviation Critical Safety Items and Related Services" (DFARS Case 2003-D101) received on October 21, 2005; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4419. A communication from the Acting Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Partnership Agreement-8(a) Program" (DFARS Case 2005-D020) received on October 21, 2005; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4420. A communication from the Acting Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Central Contractor Registration" (DFARS Case 2003-D040) received on October 21, 2005; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4421. A communication from the Acting Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Advisory and Assistance Services" (DFARS Case 2003-D042) received on October 21, 2005; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4422. A communication from the Acting Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Logistics Agency Waiver Authority" (DFARS Case 2005-D019) received on October 21, 2005; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4423. A communication from the Chairman, Flight 93 Advisory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Flight 93 National Memorial International Design Competition Summary Report to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4424. A communication from the Attorney, Office of Assistant General Counsel for Legislation and Regulatory Law, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Standards for Certain Consumer Products and Commercial and Industrial Equipment" (RIN1904-AB54) received on October 21, 2005; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4425. A communication from the Attorney, Office of Assistant General Counsel for Legislation and Regulatory Law, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products: Test Procedures for Residential Central Air Conditioners and Heat Pumps" (RIN1904-AA46) received on October 21, 2005; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4426. 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 a nomination notification for the Presidentially-appointed Senate-con-

firmed position of Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing received on October 21, 2005; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4427. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Letter Report: Certification of the Sufficiency of the Washington Convention Center Authority's Projected Revenues and Excess Reserve to Meet Projected Operating and Debt Service Expenditures and Reserve Requirements for Fiscal Year 2006"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4428. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Audit of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3E for Fiscal Years 2003 and 2004"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4429. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Audit of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2C for Fiscal Years 2003 Through 2005, as of March 31, 2005"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4430. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Audit of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2F for Fiscal Years 2003 Through 2005, as of March 31, 2005"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4431. A communication from the Director, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "A Strategic Plan for the Second Decade"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4432. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary and Chief Financial Officer, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the Department's implementation of the Federal Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act of 1999; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. INHOFE, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 255. A resolution recognizing the achievements of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the Waterfowl Population Survey.

By Mr. INHOFE, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment:

S. 1285. A bill to designate the Federal building located at 333 Mt. Elliott Street in Detroit, Michigan, as the "Rosa Parks Federal Building".

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. DEMINT (for himself and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. 1921. A bill to promote freedom, fairness, and economic opportunity by repealing the income tax and other taxes, abolishing the Internal Revenue Service, and replacing such taxes with a national sales tax and a business tax; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CONRAD (for himself, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. THUNE, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. BURNS, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. TALENT, Mr. BOND, Mr. ENZI, Mr. THOMAS, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. REID, and Mr. CHAMBLISS):

S. 1922. A bill to authorize appropriate action if negotiations with Japan to allow the resumption of United States beef exports are not successful, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. TALENT, and Mr. BOND):

S. 1923. A bill to address small business investment companies licensed to issue participating debentures, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 1924. A bill to strengthen civil-military relationships by permitting State and local governments to enter into lease purchase agreements with the United States Armed Forces; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. DODD, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. REED, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. KERRY, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. DAYTON, and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 1925. A bill to provide for workers and businesses during the response to Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. Res. 288. A resolution recognizing the life and accomplishments of Wellington Mara of New York; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 370

At the request of Mr. LOTT, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. COBURN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 370, a bill to preserve and protect the free choice of individual employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, or to refrain from such activities.

S. 407

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. GREGG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 407, a bill to restore health care coverage to retired members of the uniformed services, and for other purposes.

S. 492

At the request of Mr. FRIST, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 492, a bill to make access to safe water and sanitation for developing countries a specific policy objective of the United States foreign assistance programs, and for other purposes.

S. 632

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the names of the Senator from New Jersey