

Common Stock under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act available to missed enrollees, eligible elders, and eligible persons born after December 18, 1971, and for other purposes.

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

H.R. 1096. An act to establish the Thomas Edison National Historical Park in the State of New Jersey as the successor to the Edison National Historic Site.

H.R. 1259. An act to award a congressional gold medal on behalf of the Tuskegee Airmen, collectively, in recognition of their unique military record, which inspired revolutionary reform in the Armed Forces.

H.R. 1728. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating portions of Ste. Genevieve County in the State of Missouri as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2872. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of Louis Braille.

The message further announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276h, and the order of the House of December 18, 2005, the Speaker on February 16, 2006, appointed the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group: Mr. KOLBE of Arizona, Chairman, and Mr. MCCAUL of Texas, Vice Chairman.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

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H.R. 1259. An act to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of the Congress, collectively, to the Tuskegee Airmen in recognition of their unique military record, which inspired revolutionary reform in the Armed Forces; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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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-5813. A communication from the Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Government National Mortgage Association (Ginnie Mae) management report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5814. A communication from the Chief Operating Officer/President, Resolution Funding Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Resolution Funding Corporation's Statement on the System of Internal Controls and the 2005 Audited Financial Statements; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5815. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency and related measures blocking property of persons undermining democratic processes or institutions in Zimbabwe that was declared in Executive Order 13288 of March 6, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5816. A communication from the Assistant to the Board, Federal Reserve Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulation H and Y—Risk-Based Capital Guidelines; Market Risk Measure; Securities Borrowing Transactions" ((RIN1557-AC-90) (Docket No. R-1087)) received on February 27, 2006; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5817. 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 "Risk-Based Capital Guidelines; Market Risk Measure; Securities Borrowing Transactions" ((RIN1557-AC90) received on February 27, 2006; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5818. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Delegation of Insuring Authority To Direct Endorsement Mortgages; Announcement of Information Collection Effective Date" ((RIN2502-AG87) (FR-4169-F-04)) received on February 27, 2006; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5819. A communication from the Acting Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Administration's Fiscal Year 2007 Capital Investment and Leasing Program; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5820. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's report relative to compliance during calendar year 2005 with the Government in Sunshine Act; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5821. A communication from the Director, Office of Budget and Management, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Budget and Management's 2006 Federal Financial Management Report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5822. A communication from the Chairman, Board of Governors, United States Postal Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's calendar year 2005 report relative to the Government in the Sunshine Act; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5823. A communication from the Secretary, Smithsonian Institution, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Institution's competitive sourcing activities for fiscal year 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5824. A communication from the Director, Insurance Policy, Office of Personnel

Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Employees Health Benefits Acquisition Regulation: Technical Amendments" (RIN3206-AJ20) received on February 27, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5825. A communication from the Director, Strategic Human Resources Policy Division, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Excepted Service—Temporary Organizations" (RIN3206-AJ70) received on February 27, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5826. A communication from the Director, Strategic Human Resources Policy Division, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prevailing Rate Systems; Environmental Differential Pay for Asbestos Exposure" (RIN3206-AK64) received on February 27, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5827. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revised Regulations Governing Small Power Production and Cogeneration Facilities" (Docket No. RM05-36-000) received on February 27, 2006; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5828. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rules Concerning Certification of the Electric Reliability Organization; and Procedures for the Establishment, Approval, and Enforcement of Electric Reliability Standards" (Docket No. RM05-30-000) received on February 27, 2006; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5829. A communication from the Director, National Science Foundation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Foundation's report relative to its competitive sourcing efforts for fiscal year 2005; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5830. A communication from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Fiscal Year 2002 Report on the Community Food and Nutrition Program (CFNP); to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5831. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the impact of the improvements to compensation and benefits made by title VI of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5832. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Title 10, U.S. Code 2464 requiring notification of Congress the first time a weapon system or other item of military equipment is determined to be a commercial item; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5833. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Defense Competitive Sourcing Report for Fiscal Year 2005; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5834. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Danger Pay to government civilian employees working in Dushanbe, Tajikistan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5835. 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 06-35-06-43); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LOTT, from the Committee on Rules and Administration, without amendment:

S. 2349. An original bill to provide greater transparency in the legislative process.

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 Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. LEVIN, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. DAYTON):

S. 2342. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to deliver a meaningful benefit and lower prescription drug prices under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PRYOR:

S. 2343. A bill to authorize the Federal Emergency Management Agency to provide relief to the victims of Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita by placing manufactured homes in flood plains, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 2344. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend the employer subsidy payment provisions under the Medicare prescription drug program to State Pharmaceutical Assistance Programs; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 2345. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt passenger vehicles eligible for the alternative motor vehicle credit and the credit for qualified electric vehicles from the limitation on depreciation for luxury automobiles; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. DOMENICI):

S. 2346. A bill to amend the Ojito Wilderness Act to make a technical correction; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CONRAD (for himself and Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 2347. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the tax credit for holders of qualified zone academy bonds; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. OBAMA (for himself and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 2348. A bill to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to require a licensee to notify the Atomic Energy Commission, and the State and county in which a facility is located, whenever there is an unplanned release of fission products in excess of allowable limits; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. LOTT:

S. 2349. An original bill to provide greater transparency in the legislative process; from the Committee on Rules and Administration; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. JOHNSON:

S. 2350. A bill to prohibit States from carrying out more than one congressional redistricting after a decennial census and apportionment, to require States to conduct such redistricting through independent commissions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. DAYTON):

S. 2351. A bill to provide additional funding for mental health care for veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. TALENT (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FRIST, and Mr. SUNUNU):

S. Res. 386. A resolution honoring the Pre-Negro Leagues and Negro Leagues baseball players and executives elected to the National Baseball Hall of Fame Class of 2006; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 103

At the request of Mr. TALENT, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BURNS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 103, a bill to respond to the illegal production, distribution, and use of methamphetamine in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 241

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 241, a bill to amend section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934 to provide that funds received as universal service contributions and the universal service support programs established pursuant to that section are not subject to certain provisions of title 31, United States Code, commonly known as the Antideficiency Act.

S. 333

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 333, a bill to hold the current regime in Iran accountable for its threatening behavior and to support a transition to democracy in Iran.

S. 382

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 382, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to strengthen prohibitions against animal fighting, and for other purposes.

S. 474

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 474, a bill to establish the Mark O. Hatfield-Elizabeth Furse Scholarship and Excellence in Tribal Governance Foundation, and for other purposes.

S. 503

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms.

CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 503, a bill to expand Parents as Teachers programs and other quality programs of early childhood home visitation, and for other purposes.

S. 558

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 558, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain additional retired members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special compensation and to eliminate the phase-in period under current law with respect to such concurrent receipt.

S. 637

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 637, a bill to establish a national health program administered by the Office of Personnel Management to offer health benefits plans to individuals who are not Federal employees, and for other purposes.

S. 877

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the names of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER) and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VOINOVICH) were added as cosponsors of S. 877, a bill to provide for a biennial budget process and a biennial appropriations process and to enhance oversight and the performance of the Federal Government.

S. 1035

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) 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. 1257

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1257, a bill to amend title 28, United States Code, to clarify that persons may bring private rights of actions against foreign states for certain terrorist acts, and for other purposes.

S. 1440

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) 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. 1605

At the request of Mr. KYL, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) was added as a cosponsor of