

IN MEMORY OF DELAWARE STATE SENATOR JAMES T. VAUGHN

• Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, earlier this month James T. Vaughn, a long-time State Senator who was a legend in Delaware, passed away, and I want to pay tribute to him.

Jim spent a lifetime in public service, enlisting in the Marine Corps during World War II; serving as a Delaware State Police trooper for two decades and as the State Corrections Commissioner; and entering our State Senate 27 years ago.

His seniority put him in powerful positions either as the chairman or member of the committees that oversaw budgets, revenues, taxation, judiciary, and corrections matters. In other words, he had his hand in everything, and most recently that meant establishing a veterans' home at Milford.

Jim had this tough image, always set in his way, and always an honest man, who scrutinized every matter and paid incredible attention to the taxpayers' dollars. Throughout his career no one worked harder for the people of Delaware than Jim Vaughan.

His constituents were his No. 1 priority, and last year when he became ill and was unable to campaign during his re-election, the voters still handily put him in office, recognizing a lifetime of responsiveness to their needs. It set a standard we can all admire.

Like this Senator, Jim was a lifetime Yankees fan. And he had a special place in his heart for Little League baseball. Babe Ruth once said:

I won't be happy until we have every boy in America between the ages of six and sixteen wearing a glove and swinging a bat.

Babe Ruth would have appreciated Jim. For four decades he volunteered with the Smyrna-Clayton Little League, a group he originally helped organize. He served as its director, treasurer, equipment manager, and grass cutter—in fact, his wife Sylvia would joke that he loved to cut the grass there, but not at the family home in Clayton.

A few times I had the high honor of throwing the first pitch to start the season, and today the Smyrna-Clayton Little League Park is named for Jim.

The people of Delaware will miss Jim, and I extend my prayers and thoughts to his loving family.●

RETIREMENT OF AIR FORCE MAJOR GENERAL ROGER P. LEMPKE

• Mr. NELSON of Nebraska. Mr. President, I wish to pay tribute to one of America's finest military leaders, Air Force MG Roger P. Lempke, on the occasion of his retirement as adjutant general of the Nebraska National Guard.

The National Guard has been tested by the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan more than any period since World War II. Nationally, it has been a true test of the Guard to maintain strength at

home and abroad during a time of lengthy deployments, mounting casualties, declining recruitment, and a shortage of equipment. Yet, in Nebraska during this period, under the competent leadership of General Lempke, the Nebraska National Guard has continued to thrive, pulling in record numbers of recruits, increasing retention, and establishing an active family support program.

General Lempke instills confidence, not only in the troops he commands and their families but in the elected officials he serves. Since the tragic attacks of September 11, 2001, and during the time of war that has followed, we are fortunate to have had his very capable leadership as he oversaw the National Guard's changing role into an active duty combat force. The American people have seen vividly that the National Guard is no longer a supplemental force; it serves in seamless fashion with the active duty.

As past president of the National Association of State Adjutants General, General Lempke has been a vocal advocate for the National Guard, working with the Pentagon to help shape policies on issues ranging from base closures to troop strength. A graduate of the Air Force Academy, this even-tempered Nebraska farm boy and devoted husband and father rose through the ranks to become a respected military leader, not only in Nebraska but among his peers nationally. He and I have worked closely together on many projects which benefited not only Nebraska but helped our Nation's military as a whole.

I will miss that close association with the general as our professional relationship comes to a close, but on a personal level, I will always be proud to call Roger P. Lempke a trusted and respected friend.●

REPORT ON THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY DECLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 13413 WITH RESPECT TO BLOCKING THE PROPERTY OF PERSONS CONTRIBUTING TO THE CONFLICT TAKING PLACE IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO—PM 30

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

The situation in or in relation to the Democratic Republic of the Congo, which has been marked by widespread violence and atrocities that continue to threaten regional stability and was addressed by the United Nations Security Council in Resolution 1596 of April 18, 2005, Resolution 1649 of December 21, 2005, and Resolution 1698 of July 31, 2006, continues to pose an unusual and

extraordinary threat to the foreign policy of the United States. For this reason, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13413 of October 27, 2006, and the related measures blocking the property of certain persons contributing to the conflict.

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent the enclosed notice to the *Federal Register* for publication, stating that the national emergency with respect to the situation in or in relation to the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and the related measures blocking the property of certain persons contributing to the conflict in that country, must continue in effect beyond October 27, 2007.

GEORGE W. BUSH.
THE WHITE HOUSE, October 24, 2007.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 11:43 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 327. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to develop and implement a comprehensive program designed to reduce the incidence of suicide among veterans.

H.R. 1284. An act to increase, effective as of December 1, 2007, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans.

H.R. 3233. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at Highway 49 South in Piney Woods, Mississippi, as the "Laurence C. And Grace M. Jones Post Office Building".

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

At 12:40 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, 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. 1011. An act to designate additional National Forest System lands in the State of Virginia as wilderness or a wilderness study area, to designate the Kimberling Creek Potential Wilderness Area for eventual incorporation in the Kimberling Creek Wilderness, to establish the Seng Mountain and Bear Creek Scenic Areas, to provide for the development of trail plans for the wilderness areas and scenic areas, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1680. An act to authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to regulate the

sale of ammonium nitrate to prevent and deter the acquisition of ammonium nitrate by terrorists, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1808. An act to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Augusta, Georgia, as the “Charlie Norwood Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center”.

H.R. 1955. An act to prevent homegrown terrorism, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2408. An act to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic in Green Bay, Wisconsin, as the “Milo C. Huempfner Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic”.

H.R. 2868. To eliminate the exemption from State regulation for certain securities designated by national securities exchanges.

H.R. 3927. An act to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 1011. An act to designate additional National Forest System lands in the State of Virginia as wilderness or a wilderness study area, to designate the Kimberling Creek Potential Wilderness Area for eventual incorporation in the Kimberling Creek Wilderness, to establish the Seng Mountain and Bear Creek Scenic Areas, to provide for the development of trail plans for the wilderness areas and scenic areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1680. To authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to regulate the sale of ammonium nitrate to prevent and deter the acquisition of ammonium nitrate by terrorists, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 1808. An act to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Augusta, Georgia, as the “Charlie Norwood Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center”; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

H.R. 1955. An act to prevent homegrown terrorism, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 2408. An act to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic in Green Bay, Wisconsin, as the “Milo C. Huempfner Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic”; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

H.R. 2868. An act to eliminate the exemption from State regulation for certain securities designated by national securities exchanges; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 2216. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the Indian employment credit and the depreciation rules for property used predominantly within an Indian reservation.

S. 2217. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the taxable income limit on percentage depletion for oil and natural gas produced from marginal properties.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 3564. An act to amend title 5, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Administrative Conference of the United States through fiscal year 2011, 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-3729. A communication from the Assistant Chief Counsel for Hazardous Materials Safety, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Hazardous Materials: Revision of Requirements for Authorization of Use of International Standards” (RIN2137- AE01) received on October 19, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3730. A communication from the Regulatory Ombudsman, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fees for Unified Carrier Registration Plan and Agreement” (RIN2126-AB09) received on October 19, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3731. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “National Air Tour Safety Standards” (RIN2120-AF07)(Docket No. FAA-1998-4521) received on October 19, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3732. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Revision of Class E Airspace; Noatak, AK” (RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 07-AAL-08) received on October 19, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3733. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “High-Intensity Radiated Fields Protection for Aircraft Electrical and Electronic Systems” (RIN2120-AI06)(Docket No. FAA-2206-23657) received on October 19, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3734. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fire Penetration Resistance of Thermal Acoustic Insulation Installed on Transport Category Airplanes” (RIN2120-AI75)(Docket No. FAA-2006-24277) received on October 19, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3735. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Modification of Class E Airspace; Manhattan, KS” (RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 07-ACE-2 page 27418) received on October 19, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3745. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, “Alaskan Way Viaduct: Emergency Relief Eligibility”; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3746. A communication from the Chief of the Border Security Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Technical Amendments to List of User Fee Airports” (CBP Dec. 07-83) received on October 18, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

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EC-3737. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Modification of Class E Airspace; Marshalltown, IA” ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 07-ACE-4 page 27416)) received on October 19, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3738. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Modification of Class E Airspace; Monticello, IA” ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 07-ACE-3)) received on October 19, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3739. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Modification of Class E Airspace; Monticello, IA” ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 07-ACE-3 page 27415)) received on October 19, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3740. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Recording of Major Repairs and Major Alterations” ((RIN2120-AJ19)(Docket No. FAA-2007-28631)) received on October 19, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3741. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Modification of Class E Airspace; Canby, MN” ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 07-AGL-2)) received on October 19, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3742. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Modification of Class E Airspace; Canby, MN” ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 07-AGL-2 page 27417)) received on October 19, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3743. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Establishment of Area Navigation Routes, Western United States” ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 07-ANM-1)) received on October 19, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3744. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Modification of Class E Airspace; Manhattan, KS” ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 07-ACE-2 page 27418)) received on October 19, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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