

(b) amount of expense;
 (c) product or service provided; and
 (d) the person incurring the expense (payee).
 Each sheet must be signed by the Senate employee receiving cash and an authorizing official (i.e., someone other than the employee(s) authorized to certify vouchers). Original receipts or facsimiles must accompany the itemization sheet for petty cash expenses over \$50.

Section 9. Petty cash funds should be used for the following incidental expenses:

- (a) postage;
- (b) delivery expenses;
- (c) interdepartmental transportation (reimbursements for parking, taxi, subway, bus, privately owned automobile (p.o.a.), etc.);
- (d) single copies of publications (not subscriptions);
- (e) office supplies not available in the Senate Stationery Room; and
- (f) official telephone calls made from a staff member's residence or toll charges incurred within a staff member's duty station.

Petty cash funds should not be used for the procurement of equipment.

Section 10. Committees are encouraged to maintain a separate checking account only for the purpose of a petty cash fund and with a balance not in excess of \$300.

Section 11. Vouchers for the reimbursement of official travel expenses to a committee chairman or member, officer, employee, contractor, detailee, or witness shall be accompanied by an "Expense Summary Report—Travel" signed by such person. Vouchers for the reimbursement to any such individual for official expenses other than travel expenses shall be accompanied by an "Expense Summary Report—Non-Travel" signed by such person.

Appendix A: The Federal Tort Claims Act

Pursuant to the provisions of S. Res. 492, agreed to December 10, 1982, the Sergeant at Arms has the authority to consider and ascertain and, with the approval of the Committee on Rules and Administration, determine, compromise, adjust, and settle, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 171 of Title 28, United States Code (The Federal Tort Claims Act), any claim for money damages against the United States for injury or loss of property or personal injury or death caused by negligent or wrongful act or omission of any Member, Officer, or Employee of the Senate while acting within the scope of his/her employment. Any compromise, adjustment, or settlement of any such claim not exceeding \$2,500 shall be paid from the contingent fund of the Senate on a voucher approved by the Chairman of the Committee on Rules and Administration.

Payments of awards, compromises, or settlements in excess of \$2,500 are obtained by the agency by referring the award, compromise, or settlement to the General Accounting Office for payment. Appropriations of funds for the payment of judgments and compromises are made available for payment of awards, compromises, and settlements under the Federal Tort Claims Act.

However, any award under the Federal Tort Claims Act in excess of \$25,000 cannot take effect except with the prior written approval of the Attorney General.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

ACKNOWLEDGING THE LOUISIANA HONORAIR

• Mr. VITTER. Madam President, today I acknowledge and honor a very special group, the Louisiana HonorAir. Louisiana HonorAir is a not-for-profit organization that flies as many as 200

World War II veterans up to Washington, DC, free of charge. On November 3, 2007, a group of 105 veterans and their guardians will reach Washington on this very special program.

While visiting Washington, DC, the veterans will tour sights, such as the Arlington National Cemetery, the Korean Memorial, and the World War II Memorial. The program provides many veterans with their only opportunity to see the great memorials dedicated to their service.

Thus, today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring these great Americans and thanking them for their devotion and service to our Nation. •

CELEBRATION OF QUILTS OF VALOR FOUNDATION

• Mr. CARPER. Madam President, today I wish to celebrate the Quilts of Valor Foundation. In a time when thousands of American families are sending their loved ones around the world to fight for the safety and security of all of us here at home, the Quilts of Valor Foundation has stepped forward to give something back to our wounded heroes. This foundation has pledged to sew and donate a Quilt of Valor to every servicemember wounded in the Iraq and Afghanistan wars. Their mission is to offer comfort and support to our wounded heroes.

An organization not about politics, but about people, the Quilts of Valor Foundation was established in November 2003 by Catherine Roberts of Seaford, DE. Since that time, thousands of volunteers from all over the United States have created over 13,000 quilts for our injured service men and women. With the help of military chaplains at medical centers throughout the United States, Europe and in Iraq and Afghanistan, the Quilts of Valor Foundation locates wounded soldiers and presents them with a hand-made quilt. That quilt is a symbol of the respect and honor that we as a country hold for them and their sacrifice.

The organization has two main missions which frame their important service to our country. First and foremost, the Quilts of Valor Foundation is dedicated to honoring those men and women who have been wounded, whether physically or psychologically, in Iraq and Afghanistan with a Quilt of Valor. Second, the Quilts of Valor Foundation hopes that by teaching young people to quilt and by spreading a culture of volunteerism, a new generation of Americans will become more civically involved and dedicated to bettering our Nation in whatever way they can.

I would like to acknowledge and sincerely thank Catherine Roberts, the Quilts of Valor Foundation, and all the volunteers, especially those in Delaware, who put so much time, money, effort, and love into every quilt to comfort our servicemembers and let them know how much we at home value their sacrifices. •

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

S. 2247. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the depreciation classification of motorsports entertainment complexes.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mrs. BOXER, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with amendments:

S. 1498. A bill to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to prohibit the import, export, transportation, sale, receipt, acquisition, or purchase in interstate or foreign commerce of any live animal of any prohibited wildlife species, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-210).

By Mrs. BOXER, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works:

Report to accompany H.R. 50, a bill to reauthorize the African Elephant Conservation Act and the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act of 1994 (Rept. No. 110-211).

Report to accompany H.R. 465, a bill to reauthorize the Asian Elephant Conservation Act of 1997 (Rept. No. 110-212).

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. JOHNSON (for himself and Mr. COLEMAN):

S. 2252. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the deduction for host families of foreign exchange and other students from \$50 per month to \$200 per month, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BAYH (for himself and Mr. LUGAR):

S. 2253. A bill to provide adjustments in payment to certain hospitals under the Medicaid program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. COCHRAN:

S. 2254. A bill to establish the Mississippi Hills National Heritage Area in the State of Mississippi, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. INHOPE):

S. 2255. A bill to amend the National Trails System Act to provide for studies of the Chisholm Trail and Great Western Trail to determine whether to add the trails to the National Trails System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 2256. A bill to establish an Office of International and Domestic Product Safety and a Product Safety Coordinating Council to improve the management, coordination, promotion, and oversight of product safety responsibilities, develop a centralized public database for product recalls, advisories, and alerts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. DODD, Mr. LEAHY, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 2257. A bill to impose sanctions on officials of the State Peace and Development

Council in Burma, to amend the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003 to prohibit the importation of gemstones and hardwoods from Burma, to promote a coordinated international effort to restore civilian democratic rule to Burma, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. SMITH (for himself and Mr. BYRD):

S. Res. 358. A resolution expressing the importance of friendship and cooperation between the United States and Turkey; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. KERRY, Mr. REED, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. DODD, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. SUNUNU):

S. Res. 359. A resolution congratulating the Boston Red Sox on winning the 2007 World Series; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 1200

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1200, a bill to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend the Act.

S. 1299

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1299, a bill to establish on behalf of consumers a fiduciary duty and other standards of care for mortgage brokers and originators, and to establish standards to assess a consumer's ability to repay, and for other purposes.

S. 1587

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. DOLE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1587, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code to allow a special depreciation allowance for reuse and recycling property and to provide for tax-exempt financing of recycling equipment, and for other purposes.

S. 1731

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1731, a bill to provide for the continuing review of unauthorized Federal programs and agencies and to establish a bipartisan commission for the purposes of improving oversight and eliminating wasteful Government spending.

S. 1858

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1858, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish grant programs to provide for education and outreach on newborn screening and coordinated follow-up care once newborn screening has been conducted, to reau-

thorize programs under part A of title XI of such Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1871

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1871, a bill to provide for special transfers of funds to States to promote certain improvements in State unemployment compensation laws.

S. 1921

At the request of Mr. WEBB, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1921, a bill to amend the American Battlefield Protection Act of 1996 to extend the authorization for that Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1963

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. MARTINEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1963, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow bonds guaranteed by the Federal home loan banks to be treated as tax exempt bonds.

S. 2062

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2062, a bill to amend the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 to reauthorize that Act, and for other purposes.

S. 2119

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2119, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of veterans who became disabled for life while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States.

S. 2125

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2125, a bill to improve public awareness in the United States among older individuals and their families and caregivers about the impending Digital Television Transition through the establishment of a Federal interagency task force between the Federal Communications Commission, the Administration on Aging, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, and the outside advice of appropriate members of the aging network and industry groups.

S. 2136

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2136, a bill to address the treatment of primary mortgages in bankruptcy, and for other purposes.

S. 2159

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2159, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 50th

anniversary of the establishment of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

S. 2172

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2172, a bill to impose sanctions on officials of the State Peace and Development Council in Burma, to prohibit the importation of gems and hardwoods from Burma, to support democracy in Burma, and for other purposes.

S.J. RES. 22

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 22, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services within the Department of Health and Human Services relating to Medicare coverage for the use of erythropoiesis stimulating agents in cancer and related neoplastic conditions.

S. RES. 356

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA), the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 356, a resolution affirming that any offensive military action taken against Iran must be explicitly approved by Congress before such action may be initiated.

S. RES. 357

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 357, a bill designating the week of November 11 through November 17, 2007, as "National Veterans Awareness Week" to emphasize the need to develop educational programs regarding the contributions of veterans to the country.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. DODD, Mr. LEAHY, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 2257. A bill to impose sanctions on officials of the State Peace and Development Council in Burma, to amend the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003 to prohibit the importation of gemstones and hardwoods from Burma, to promote a coordinated international effort to restore civilian democratic rule to Burma, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, today, I rise to introduce a bipartisan bill to promote the restoration of civilian, democratic rule to the troubled state of Burma. The goal of the Burma Democracy Promotion Act is to help create the right conditions for the peaceful, negotiated transfer of power from