

extend the reductions in income tax rates, and for other purposes.

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 1119. An act to amend title 36, United States Code, to revise the congressional charter of the Military Order of the Purple Heart of the United States of America, Incorporated, to authorize associate membership in the corporation for the spouse and siblings of a recipient of the Purple Heart medal.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

H.R. 3495. An act to establish a National Commission on Children and Disasters, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3685. An act to prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

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-3886. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Asian Longhorned Beetle; Additions to Quarantined Areas" (Docket No. APHIS-2006-0127) received on November 6, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3887. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Waiver of Specialty Metals Restriction for Acquisition of Commercially Available Off-the-Shelf Items" (DFARS Case 2007-D013) received on November 2, 2007; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3888. A communication from the General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Management Official Interlocks Threshold Change" (12 C.F.R. Section 701.23) received on October 30, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3889. A communication from the Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Use of Indian Housing Block Grant Funds for Rental Assistance in Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Projects" (RIN2577-AC61) received on November 2, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3890. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Allied Ag Cat Productions, Inc. G-164 Series Airplanes" (RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-CE-034) received on October 30, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3891. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule

entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A330-201, -202, -203, -223, -243, -301, -321, -322, -323, -341, -342, and -343 Airplanes; and Model A340-200 and -300 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-261)) received on October 30, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3892. A communication from the Regulatory Ombudsman, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Parts and Accessories Necessary for Safe Operation; Fire Extinguisher Exception for Driveaway-Towaway Operations" (RIN2126-AB08) received on October 30, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3893. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2007 Base Period T-Bill Rate" (Rev. Rul. 2007-64) received on November 6, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3894. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, weekly reports relative to post-liberation Iraq covering the period from August 15, 2007, to October 15, 2007; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. BYRD, from the Committee on Appropriations:

Special Report entitled "Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals From the Concurrent Resolution, Fiscal Year 2008" (Rept. No. 110-226).

EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following executive report of a nomination was submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Michael J. Sullivan, of Massachusetts, to be Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

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. McCASKILL (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. COBURN):

S. 2324. A bill to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) to enhance the Offices of the Inspectors General, to create a Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. VOINOVICH:

S. 2325. A bill to modernize and update the National Housing Act and enable the Federal Housing Administration to use risk-based pricing to more effectively reach underserved borrowers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mrs. HUTCHISON):

S. 2326. A bill to improve the safety of motorcoaches, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD):

S. 2327. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit against tax for increased homeowners insurance premiums suffered by certain coastal homeowners or resulting from hurricane events; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD):

S. 2328. A bill to establish a homeowner mitigation loan program within the Federal Emergency Management Agency to promote pre-disaster property mitigation measures; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 2329. A bill to establish the Thomas Edison National Historical Park in the State of New Jersey as the successor to the Edison National Historic Site; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. OBAMA (for himself and Mr. MENENDEZ)):)

S. 2330. A bill to authorize a pilot program within the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development with the goal of preventing at-risk veterans and veteran families from falling into homelessness, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. WEBB):

S. 2331. A bill to exclude from gross income payments from the Hokie Spirit Memorial Fund to the victims of the tragic event, loss of life and limb, at Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Mr. LOTT, Mr. OBAMA, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. KERRY, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BIDEN, and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 2332. A bill to promote transparency in the adoption of new media ownership rules by the Federal Communications Commission, and to establish an independent panel to make recommendations on how to increase the representation of women and minorities in broadcast media ownership; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. KENNEDY:

S. 2333. A bill to amend the Public Health Services Act to reauthorize the Community Health Centers program, the National Health Service Corps, and rural health care programs; 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. COLEMAN (for himself, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. McCONNELL, Mr. LOTT, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. VITTER, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BURR, Mr. BOND, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. COURN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GREGG, Mr. ALLARD, and Mr. CORKER):

S. Res. 371. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the issuance of State driver's licenses and other government-issued photo identification to illegal aliens; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. CASEY, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. Res. 372. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on the declaration of a state of emergency in Pakistan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself, Mr. AKAKA, and Mr. COLEMAN):

S. Res. 373. A resolution encouraging all employers to target veterans for recruitment and to provide preference in hiring to qualified veterans; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. Res. 374. A resolution expressing support for designation of a National Veterans History Project Week to encourage public participation in a nationwide project that collects and preserves the stories of the men and women who served our Nation in times of war and conflict; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 548

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 548, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that a deduction equal to fair market value shall be allowed for charitable contributions of literary, musical, artistic, or scholarly compositions created by the donor.

S. 584

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 584, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the rehabilitation credit and the low-income housing credit.

S. 594

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 594, a bill to limit the use, sale, and transfer of cluster munitions.

S. 597

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 597, a bill to extend the special postage stamp for breast cancer research for 2 years.

S. 616

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 616, a bill to promote health care coverage parity for individuals participating in legal recreational activities or legal transportation activities.

S. 714

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) and the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 714, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to ensure that all dogs and cats used by research facilities are obtained legally.

S. 881

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the names of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. SALAZAR) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) were added as

cospromisers of S. 881, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 911

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 911, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to advance medical research and treatments into pediatric cancers, ensure patients and families have access to the current treatments and information regarding pediatric cancers, establish a population-based national childhood cancer database, and promote public awareness of pediatric cancers.

S. 960

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 960, a bill to establish the United States Public Service Academy.

S. 1027

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1027, a bill to prevent tobacco smuggling, to ensure the collection of all tobacco taxes, and for other purposes.

S. 1494

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1494, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the special diabetes programs for Type I diabetes and Indians under that Act.

S. 1588

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1588, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require that group and individual health insurance coverage and group health plans provide coverage for treatment of a minor child's congenital or developmental deformity or disorder due to trauma, infection, tumor, or disease.

S. 1661

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1661, a bill to communicate United States travel policies and improve marketing and other activities designed to increase travel in the United States from abroad.

S. 1679

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1679, a bill to provide that the great hall of the Capitol Visitor Center shall be known as Emancipation Hall.

S. 1795

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. SUNUNU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1795, a bill to improve access to workers' compensation programs for injured Federal employees.

S. 1871

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER) and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1871, a bill to provide for special transfers of funds to States to promote certain improvements in State unemployment compensation laws.

S. 1878

At the request of Mr. WEBB, the names of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND) and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) were added as cosponsors of S. 1878, a bill to authorize grants for contributions toward the establishment of the Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library.

S. 1905

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. ALLARD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1905, a bill to provide for a rotating schedule for regional selection of delegates to a national Presidential nominating convention, and for other purposes.

S. 1958

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1958, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure and foster continued patient quality of care by establishing facility and patient criteria for long-term care hospitals and related improvements under the Medicare program.

S. 1965

At the request of Mr. STEVENS, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1965, a bill to protect children from cybercrimes, including crimes by online predators, to enhance efforts to identify and eliminate child pornography, and to help parents shield their children from material that is inappropriate for minors.

S. 1970

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1970, a bill to establish a National Commission on Children and Disasters, a National Resource Center on Children and Disasters, and for other purposes.

S. 1996

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1996, a bill to reauthorize the Enhancing Education Through Technology Act of 2001, and for other purposes.

S. 2071

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) and the Senator from Missouri (Mrs. McCASKILL) were added as cosponsors of S. 2071, a bill to enhance the ability to combat methamphetamine.

S. 2136

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey