

MARSHALL

Josh Zehner and Amanda Master, St. Michael School.

MIAMI

Sarah Correll, Peru Junior High School.

MONROE

Danton Rogers and Danyelle Burton, Batchelor Middle School.

MORGAN

Dakota Owen and Kirsten Hardin, Eminence Junior High School.

NEWTON

Sadie Cole, Tri-County Middle School.

NOBLE

Matthew Hamlin and Anna Pasquali, Kendallville Middle School.

PARKE

Devon Gray and Chelsea Stone, Rockville Junior High School.

PERRY

Erika Hauenstein, Tell City Junior High School.

POSEY

Joey Priest, North Posey Junior High School, and Sarah Smotherman, New Harmony School.

PULASKI

Joyce Bangel, Winamac Community Middle School.

RANDOLPH

Matt Friend and Kristen West, Driver Middle School.

RIPLEY

Jack Gutzwiller and Koralyssa Graham, St. Louis School.

ST. JOSEPH

Matthew Thomas and Mary Bonadies, St. Matthew Cathedral School.

SCOTT

Cyndll Harqis, Scottsburg Middle School.

SPENCER

Nick Pledger, Heritage Hills Middle School.

STARKE

Quinn Biddle and Lauren Jernas, Oregon-Davis Junior High School.

SULLIVAN

Brittany Bezy, Carlisle Junior High School.

TIPPECANOE

Claire Paschen, Klondike Middle School.

VERMILLION

Zane Yoho and Hannah Chew, North Vermillion Junior High School.

VIGO

Joseph Botros and Lillian Hayhurst, Honey Creek Middle School.

WABASH

Tanner McCarty, Northfield Junior High School, and Elizabeth Schilling, Manchester Junior High School.

WASHINGTON

Jeffrey Strother and Alandra Bishop, West Washington Junior High School.

WAYNE

Joel Stocksdales and Molly Scripture, Seton Catholic School.

WELLS

Jacob Mossburg, Home School, and Acacia Herr, Southern Wells Junior High School.

WHITE

Zeph Bickett and Alex Daker, Tri-County Middle School. •

the Senate by Mr. Thomas, 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)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:22 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 985. An act to amend title 5, United States Code, to clarify which disclosures of information are protected from prohibited personnel practices; to require a statement in nondisclosure policies, forms, and agreements to the effect that such policies, forms, and agreements are consistent with certain disclosure protections, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1254. An act to amend title 44, United States Code, to require information on contributors to Presidential library fundraising organizations.

H.R. 1255. An act to amend chapter 22 of title 44, United States Code, popularly known as the Presidential Records Act, to establish procedures for the consideration of claims of constitutionally based privilege against disclosure of Presidential records.

H.R. 1309. An act to promote openness in Government by strengthening section 552 of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the Freedom of Information Act), and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 12:01 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 1129. An act to provide for the construction, operation, and maintenance of an arterial road in St. Louis County, Missouri.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

At 3:37 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the house has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1362. An act to reform acquisition practices of the Federal Government.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to H. Res. 244, resolving that the following Members are hereby elected to the Joint Committee on Printing, to serve with the chair of the Committee on House Administration: Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. EHLERS, and Mr. MCCARTHY of California.

The following Members are hereby elected to the Joint Committee of Con-

gress on the Library, to serve with the chair of the Committee on House Administration: Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California, Mr. EHLERS, and Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California.

The message further announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 3003 note, and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, in addition to Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Chairman, appointed on January 12, 2007: Ms. SLAUGHTER of New York, Mr. MCINTYRE of North Carolina, Ms. SOLIS of California, Mr. BUTTERFIELD of North Carolina, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. ADERHOLT of Alabama, Mr. PENCE of Indiana, and Mr. PITTS of Pennsylvania.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 985. An act to amend title 5, United States Code, to clarify which disclosures of information are protected from prohibited personnel practices; to require a statement in nondisclosure policies, forms, and agreements to the effect that such policies, forms, and agreements are consistent with certain disclosure protections, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 1254. An act to amend title 44, United States Code, to require information on contributors to Presidential library fundraising organizations; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 95. A resolution designating March 25, 2007, as "Greek Independence Day: A National Day of Celebration of Greek and American Democracy".

S. Res. 96. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that Harriett Woods will be remembered as a pioneer in women's politics.

S.J. Res. 5. A joint resolution proclaiming Casimir Pulaski to be an honorary citizen of the United States posthumously.

S. Con. Res. 14. A concurrent resolution commemorating the 85th anniversary of the founding of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association, a leading association for the 1,300,000 United States

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to

citizens of Greek ancestry and Philhellenes in the United States.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. LEVIN for the Committee on Armed Services.

Army nomination of Lt. Gen. Robert L. Van Antwerp, Jr., 8468, to be Lieutenant General.

Navy nomination of Adm. Timothy J. Keating, 8508, to be Admiral.

Air Force nomination of Lt. Gen. Victor E. Renuart, Jr., 0278, to be General.

Army nomination of Lt. Gen. Peter W. Chiarelli, 6598, to be Lieutenant General.

By Mr. KENNEDY for the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

*W. Craig Vanderwagen, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, Department of Health and Human Services.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

(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 Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. COBURN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. FEINGOLD):

S. 888. A bill to amend section 1091 of title 18, United States Code, to allow the prosecution of genocide in appropriate circumstances; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KERRY:

S. 889. A bill to improve acquisition under the Deepwater program of the Coast Guard, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. INOUE (for himself, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. HAGEL):

S. 890. A bill to provide for certain administrative and support services for the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. COBURN):

S. 891. A bill to protect children and their parents from being coerced into administering a controlled substance in order to attend school, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. INHOFE:

S. 892. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the indexing of certain assets for purposes of determining gain or loss; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DeMINT (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. KYL, Mr. MARTINEZ, and Mr. BROWNBACK):

S. 893. A bill to allow a State to combine certain funds and enter into a performance agreement with the Secretary of Education to improve the academic achievement of students; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mr. SALAZAR):

S. 894. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit for the purchase of idling reduction systems for diesel-powered on-highway vehicles; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. CLINTON:

S. 895. A bill to amend titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to ensure that every child in the United States has access to affordable, quality health insurance coverage, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. STEVENS, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 896. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act and the Social Security Act to increase the number of primary care physicians and medical residents serving health professional shortage areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. BOND, Mrs. CLINTON, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 897. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide more help to Alzheimer's disease caregivers; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself, Mr. BOND, Mrs. CLINTON, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 898. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to fund breakthroughs in Alzheimer's disease research while providing more help to caregivers and increasing public education about prevention; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DODD (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. AKAKA, and Mr. LEVIN):

S. 899. A bill to amend section 401(b)(2) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 regarding the Federal Pell Grant maximum amount; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. BENNETT):

S. 900. A bill to authorize the Boy Scouts of America to exchange certain land in the State of Utah acquired under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. DODD, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. BOND, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. REED, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. BURR):

S. 901. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide additional authorizations of appropriations for the health centers program under section 330 of such Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 902. A bill to provide support and assistance for families of members of the National Guard and Reserve who are undergoing deployment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. BENNETT, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 903. A bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Dr. Muhammad Yunus, in recognition of his contributions to the fight against global poverty; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. PRYOR, and Mr. CRAIG):

S. 904. A bill to provide additional relief for small business owners ordered to active duty as members of reserve components of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. INHOFE:

S. 905. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to eliminate the taxable income limit on percentage depletion for oil and natural gas produced from marginal properties; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. OBAMA (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 906. A bill to prohibit the sale, distribution, transfer, and export of elemental mercury, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. CLINTON:

S. 907. A bill to establish an Advisory Committee on Gestational Diabetes, to provide grants to better understand and reduce gestational diabetes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. COLEMAN (for himself, Mr. REED, Mr. KOHL, Mr. MARTINEZ, and Mr. SMITH):

S. 908. A bill to establish a Consortium on the Impact of Technology in Aging Health Services; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. KERRY, and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 909. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to permit States, at their option, to require certain individuals to present satisfactory documentary evidence of proof of citizenship or nationality for purposes of eligibility for Medicaid, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. DODD, Mr. HARKIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. BROWN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. INOUE, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. AKAKA, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. CASEY):

S. 910. A bill to provide for paid sick leave to ensure that Americans can address their own health needs and the health needs of their families; 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 Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Mr. LEVIN):

S. Res. 107. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that no action should be taken to undermine the safety of the Armed Forces of the United States or impact their ability to complete their assigned or future missions; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. Res. 108. A resolution designating the first week of April 2007 as "National Asbestos Awareness Week"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. STEVENS):

S. Res. 109. A resolution congratulating the University of Alaska Fairbanks rifle team