

also helped establish volunteer fire departments and a community water system. He serves as president of Alpine Water Association and the Alpine Fire Department. He is a member of the Farm Credit Board, and serves on the State board of Arkansas Farm Bureau. Additionally, he is a certified first responder.

My home State of Arkansas is fortunate to have men and women of Troy Buck's caliber who devote their lives to providing excellent education for our children and improving the quality of life in our communities. I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Troy Buck for his commitment and service to the State of Arkansas.●

TRIBUTE TO DEACON JOSEPH T. LAZO

● Mr. VITTER. Madam President, I rise today to recognize Deacon Joseph T. Lazo for receiving the 2007 Connie M. Hulsey Community Volunteer award presented at the Angels Among Us banquet. I would like to take some time to talk about this great honor.

Deacon Joe Lazo is the director of the Covington Food Bank/St. Vincent de Paul Society. He has been known throughout the community as someone who works vigorously to provide many services day and night to those in need. In 2001, Deacon Joe and the St. Vincent de Paul Society worked tirelessly to set up a free medical and dental clinic in the Covington area. Through all of these programs, Deacon Joe Lazo has tremendously helped the needy citizens of the Saint Tammany, Tangipahoa, and Washington Parishes.

I applaud Deacon Joseph Lazo on receiving this well-deserved recognition, and I wish him continued success in helping the citizens of the Northshore.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, 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.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 1:33 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. 890. An act to establish requirements for lenders and institutions of higher edu-

cation in order to protect students and other borrowers receiving educational loans.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 28. Concurrent resolution congratulating the City of Chicago for being chosen to represent the United States in the international competition to host the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games, and encouraging the International Olympic Committee to select Chicago as the site of the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 890. An act to establish requirements for lenders and institutions of higher education in order to protect students and other borrowers receiving educational loans; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

H.R. 2080. An act to amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to conform the District charter to revisions made by the Council of the District of Columbia relating to public education.

S. 1348. A bill to provide for comprehensive immigration reform 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-1876. A communication from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Corrections to Regional Office Information" (72 FR 16269) received on May 8, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1877. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bacillus Thuringiensis Vip3Aa19 Protein in Cotton; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 8124-6) received on May 8, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1878. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clethodim; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8127-2) received on May 8, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1879. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fenpyroximate; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions" (FRL No. 8127-3) received on May 8, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1880. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office

of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Flufenacet; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8124-2) received on May 8, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1881. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Foramsulfuron; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 8125-5) received on May 8, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1882. A communication from the Chair, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act in the Educational, Technical Assistance and Training revolving fund; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-1883. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology), transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the Department's Chemical Demilitarization Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1884. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, the report of the authorization of Colonel Michael S. Repass to wear the authorized insignia of the grade of brigadier general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1885. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of General Counsel, received on May 8, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1886. A communication from the Assistant Chief Counsel, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Materials Transportation; Miscellaneous Revisions to Registration and Fee Assessment Program" (RIN2137-AE11) received on May 8, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1887. 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 A318, A319, A320, and A321 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-199)) received on May 8, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1888. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Superior Air Parts, Inc., Cylinder Assemblies Part Numbers Series: SA47000L, SA47000S, SA52000, SA55000, SL32000W, SL32000WH, SL32006W, SL36000TW, SL36000W, and SL36006W" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NE-32)) received on May 8, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1889. 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 A300 B2 and B4 Series Airplanes Equipped with General Electric CF6-50 Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-127)) received on May 8, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1890. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica S.A. Model EMB-135BJ Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-200)) received on May 8, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1891. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, Weather Takeoff Minimums; Miscellaneous Amendments" ((RIN2120-AA65)(Amdt. No. 3214)) received on May 8, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1892. 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; Valdez, AK" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-AAL-41)) received on May 8, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1893. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Nucla, CO" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-ANM-3)) received on May 8, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1894. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments" ((RIN2120-AA65)(Amdt. No. 3215)) received on May 8, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1895. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the inventories of commercial and inherently governmental positions in the Department; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1896. A communication from the Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Annual Report for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1897. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Iowa" (FRL No. 8312-5) received on May 8, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1898. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Determination of Attainment, Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; Ohio; Redesignation of Allen and Stark Counties to Attainment of the 8-Hour Ozone Standard" (FRL No. 8312-9) received on May 8, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1899. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled

"Determination of Attainment, Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; Ohio; Redesignation of Belmont County to Attainment of the 8-Hour Ozone Standard" (FRL No. 8312-8) received on May 8, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1900. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Determination of Attainment, Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; Ohio; Redesignation of Jefferson County to Attainment of the 8-hour Ozone Standard" (FRL No. 8312-7) received on May 8, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1901. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Determination of Attainment, Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; Ohio; Redesignation of Washington County to Attainment of 8-Hour Ozone Standard" (FRL No. 8313-1) received on May 8, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1902. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Dioxin and Dioxin-like Compounds; Toxic Equivalency Information; Community Right-to-Know Toxic Chemical Release Reporting" (FRL No. 8311-6) received on May 8, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1903. A communication from the Secretary of the Senate, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the receipts and expenditures of the Senate for the period from October 1, 2006 through March 31, 2007; ordered to lie on the table.

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. GREGG:

S. 1350. A bill to amend title II of the Immigration and Nationality Act to reform the diversity visa program and create a program that awards visas to aliens with an advanced degree; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GREGG:

S. 1351. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to improve the competitiveness of the United States in the global economy and to protect against potential visa fraud and abuse; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 1352. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 127 East Locust Street in Fairbury, Illinois, as the "Dr. Francis Townsend Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. BROWNBACK):

S. 1353. A bill to nullify the determinations of the Copyright Royalty Judges with respect to webcasting, to modify the basis for making such a determination, and for other

purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 1354. A bill to amend the definition of a law enforcement officer under subchapter III of chapter 83 and chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code, respectively, to ensure the inclusion of certain positions; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. MARTINEZ (for himself, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. DOLE, and Mr. DOMENICI):

S. 1355. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat spaceports like airports under the exempt facility bond rules; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. JOHN-SON, Mr. ALLARD, and Mr. FEINGOLD):

S. 1356. A bill to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act to establish industrial bank holding company regulation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself and Mr. WARNER):

S. 1357. A bill to amend the Law Enforcement Pay Equity Act of 2000 to permit certain annuitants of the retirement programs of the United States Park Police and United States Secret Service Uniformed Division to receive the adjustments in pension benefits to which such annuitants would otherwise be entitled as a result of the conversion of members of the United States Park Police and United States Secret Service Uniformed Division to a new salary schedule under the amendments made by such Act; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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

S. 1358. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to require all gasoline sold for use in motor vehicles to contain 10 percent renewable fuel in the year 2010 and thereafter, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. AKAKA):

S. 1359. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to enhance public and health professional awareness and understanding of lupus and to strengthen the Nation's research efforts to identify the causes and cure of lupus; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. DOLE (for herself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. LOTT, and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. 1360. A bill to provide for higher education affordability, access, and opportunity; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 1361. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the 15-year recovery period for the depreciation of certain leasehold improvements and to modify the depreciation rules relating to such leasehold improvements for purposes of computing earnings and profits; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 1362. A bill to establish a Strategic Gasoline and Fuel Reserve; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 1363. A bill to improve health care for severely injured members and former members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 1364. A bill to amend titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to extend the