

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that David Azaria and Rachael Creswell of my staff be granted floor privileges for the duration of today's session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Dane Balkar, Senator WEBB's national security detainee, be given floor privileges for the duration of this bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. COBURN. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that Major Thomas Rogers, a Department of Defense fellow in Senator PETE DOMENICI's office, be granted the privilege of the floor for the duration of the debate on the fiscal year 2008 Defense authorization bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18 (LEGISLATIVE DAY OF JULY 17), 2007

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message from the President of the United States was communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGE REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate a message from the President of the United States submitting a nomination which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

(The nomination received today is printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 4:58 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 bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 980. An act to provide collective bargaining rights for public safety officers employed by States or their political subdivisions.

H.R. 2641. An act making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 205(a) of the Vietnam Education Foundation Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-554), and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Board of Directors of the Vietnam Education Foundation: Upon the recommendation of the Majority Leader: Mr. BLUMENAUER of Oregon, and upon the recommendation of the Minority Leader: Mr. PITTS of Pennsylvania.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

H.R. 2641. An act making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, 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-2585. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, the report of draft legislation intended "to establish a program to revitalize rural multi-family housing"; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2586. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the obligations and outlays of fiscal years 2004, 2005 and 2006 funds under the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief through September 30, 2006; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-2587. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Robert R. Blackman, Jr., United States Marine Corps, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2588. A communication from the Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the remaining obstacles to the circulation of \$1 coins; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2589. 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 "Information Returns Required with Respect to Certain Foreign Corporations" ((RIN1545-BG11)(TD 9338)) received on July 17, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2590. 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 "Qualified Zone Academy Bonds; Obligations of States and Political Subdivisions" ((RIN1545-BG44)(TD 9339)) received on July 17, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2591. A communication from the Director of Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Increase in Rates Payable Under the Montgomery GI Bill—Selected Reserve and Other Miscellaneous Issues" (RIN2900-AM50) received on July 17, 2007; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petition or memorial was laid before the Senate and was referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-168. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Ohio urging Congress to pass legislation establishing a Servitude and Emancipation Archival Research Clearing-

house in the National Archives; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 18

Whereas, Because of slavery and discrimination, African Americans have been denied many of the benefits of citizenship that produce traceable documentation; and

Whereas, researching one's genealogy through old records and documents is an arduous task even when the information is readily available, and for African Americans, researching their genealogies and making a connection to their past is even more difficult because the relevant records often have not been properly maintained; and

Whereas, access to better organized documents relevant to servitude and emancipation will assist African Americans in search their family histories, of which, because of slavery and segregation, are almost impossible to find in common registers and census records; and

Whereas, legislation has been introduced in the 110th Congress to establish a Servitude and Emancipation Archival Research Clearinghouse (SEARCH) in the National Archives and to authorize appropriations to establish and fund the national archives database of historic records regarding servitude and emancipation; Now therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the members of the Senate of the 127th General Assembly of the State of Ohio, urge the Congress of the United States to pass the legislation that has been introduced to establish a Servitude and Emancipation Archival Research Clearinghouse in the National Archives; and be it further

Resolved, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, to the President Pro Tempore and Secretary of the United States Senate, and to the members of the Ohio Congressional delegation.

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. THUNE:

S. 1809. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that distributions from an individual retirement plan, a section 401(k) plan, a section 403(b) contract, or a section 457 plan shall not be includible in gross income to the extent used to pay long-term care insurance premiums; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BROWNBACK:

S. 1810. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the provision of scientifically sound information and support services to patients receiving a positive test diagnosis for Down syndrome or other prenatally and postnatally diagnosed conditions; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. OBAMA (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 1811. A bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to assess and reduce the levels of lead found in child-occupied facilities in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Mr. KERRY, Mr. AKAKA, and Mr. BAYH):

S. 1812. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to strengthen mentoring programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. COLEMAN (for himself and Mr. FEINGOLD):

S. 1813. A bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to provide individuals with an opportunity to participate in the financing or ownership of local biorefineries; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 1814. A bill to provide individuals with access to health information of which they are a subject, ensure personal privacy with respect to health related information, promote the use of non-identifiable information for health research, impose criminal and civil penalties for unauthorized use of protected health information, to provide for the strong enforcement of these rights, and to protect States' rights; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. STEVENS:

S. 1815. A bill to assure compliance with basic standards for all-terrain vehicles in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. Res. 274. A resolution to authorize representation by the Senate Legal Counsel in the case of *Lewis v. Bayh*; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. MCCONNELL:

S. Res. 275. A resolution making minority party appointments for the 110th Congress; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 65

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 65, a bill to modify the age-60 standard for certain pilots and for other purposes.

S. 600

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 600, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish the School-Based Health Clinic program, and for other purposes.

S. 667

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 667, a bill to expand programs of early childhood home visitation that increase school readiness, child abuse and neglect prevention, and early identification of developmental and health delays, including potential mental health concerns, and for other purposes.

S. 689

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 689, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend and expand the charitable deduction for contributions of food inventory.

S. 821

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 821, a bill to amend section 402 of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 to provide for an extension of eligibility for supplemental security income through fiscal year 2010 for refugees, asylees, and certain other humanitarian immigrants.

S. 872

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 872, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the excise tax provisions and income tax credit for biodiesel.

S. 941

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 941, a bill to increase Federal support for Community Health Centers and the National Health Service Corps in order to ensure access to health care for millions of Americans living in medically underserved areas.

S. 988

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 988, a bill to extend the termination date for the exemption of returning workers from the numerical limitations for temporary workers.

S. 1052

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1052, a bill to amend title XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to provide States with the option to provide nurse home visitation services under Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program.

S. 1060

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1060, a bill to reauthorize the grant program for reentry of offenders into the community in the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, to improve reentry planning and implementation, and for other purposes.

S. 1075

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1075, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to expand access to contraceptive services for women and men under the Medicaid program, help low income women and couples prevent unintended pregnancies and reduce abortion, and for other purposes.

S. 1090

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1090, a bill to amend the Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act

of 1973 to assist the neediest of senior citizens by modifying the eligibility criteria for supplemental foods provided under the commodity supplemental food program to take into account the extraordinarily high out-of-pocket medical expenses that senior citizens pay, and for other purposes.

S. 1120

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1120, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide grants for the training of graduate medical residents in preventive medicine and public health.

S. 1259

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1259, a bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to provide assistance for developing countries to promote quality basic education and to establish the achievement of universal basic education in all developing countries as an objective of United States foreign assistance policy, and for other purposes.

S. 1287

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1287, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow an offset against income tax refunds to pay for State judicial debts that are past-due.

S. 1406

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1406, a bill to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to strengthen polar bear conservation efforts, and for other purposes.

S. 1451

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1451, a bill to encourage the development of coordinated quality reforms to improve health care delivery and reduce the cost of care in the health care system.

S. 1494

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) 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. 1514

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1514, a bill to revise and extend provisions under the Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act.

S. 1572

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1572, a bill to increase the