

timberlands in our State, and it was one of the first efforts in our country's history to protect our Nation's valuable forests.

Today, the Ozark National Forest contains a little more than 1.2 million acres and runs across northern Arkansas to the Oklahoma border. It is a diverse forest that harbors more than 500 different types of trees and other woody plants. Moreover, it is home to the tallest mountain in the State of Arkansas, Mount Magazine, outside Paris, AR, and includes a living underground cave system, Blanchard Spring Caves, near Mountain View, AR.

A little more than 50 years after President Roosevelt created the Ozark National Forest, President Dwight D. Eisenhower issued a proclamation to set aside 22,000 additional acres in Arkansas. Named the St. Francis National Forest, it is one of the smallest forests in the National Forest System. The St. Francis Forest begins in the hilly Crowley's Ridge section of eastern Arkansas and runs along the St. Francis River to the Mississippi River in the delta flatlands.

Each forest has its own unique character, geography, and topography, but together, they form the Ozark-St. Francis National Forests.

The headquarters is located in Russellville, AR, at the Henry R. Koen Forest Service Office Building. The building is named for the man who supervised the Ozark National Forest from 1922-1939. The Henry R. Koen Building is a landmark in and of itself. Built by the Civilian Conservation Corps, a New Deal work relief program during the Great Depression, it was dedicated in 1939. In April 1979, the building was named in Mr. Koen's honor after legislation was introduced in Congress by my predecessor, Senator Dale Bumpers.

As we celebrate this milestone, I also want the forest supervisors in Arkansas to know that I am continuing to fight for them in the U.S. Senate. They oversee some of the largest national forests in the South. Traditionally, our forest management and conservation programs have been highly productive, efficient, and profitable, benefitting taxpayers, local economies, and the region. However, with limited resources, our forest supervisors face considerable challenges in accessing and managing all of the forests.

Earlier this year, I sent a letter with the entire Arkansas Congressional delegation to the Bush administration to express our support for greater resources for our State's national forests. Currently, our forest supervisors are only able to implement one half of their total forest management plan. Furthermore, damage from recent tornadoes has compounded the need for resources to access salvageable timber in the most efficient and timely manner possible.

It is my belief that additional investment in Arkansas's national forests will allow Arkansans to continue en-

joying them for another 100 years and beyond.●

REPORT OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE KINGDOM OF DENMARK ON SOCIAL SECURITY—PM 39

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the Congress of the United States:

Pursuant to section 233(e)(1) of the Social Security Act, as amended by the Social Security Amendments of 1977 (Public Law 95-216, 42 U.S.C. 433(e)(1)), I transmit herewith the Agreement Between the United States of America and the Kingdom of Denmark on Social Security, which consists of two separate instruments: a principal agreement and an administrative arrangement. The agreement was signed at Copenhagen on June 13, 2007.

The United States-Denmark Agreement is similar in objective to the social security agreements already in force with Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Chile, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Korea, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom. Such bilateral agreements provide for limited coordination between the United States and foreign social security systems to eliminate dual social security coverage and taxation, and to help prevent the loss of benefit protection that can occur when workers divide their careers between two countries. The United States-Denmark Agreement contains all provisions mandated by section 233 and other provisions that I deem appropriate to carry out the purposes of section 233, pursuant to section 233(c)(4).

I also transmit for the information of the Congress a report prepared by the Social Security Administration explaining the key points of the Agreement, along with a paragraph-by-paragraph explanation of the provisions of the principal agreement and the related administrative arrangement. Attached to this report is the report required by section 233(e)(1) of the Social Security Act, which describes the effect of the Agreement on income and expenditures of the U.S. Social Security program and the number of individuals affected by the Agreement.

I commend to the Congress the United States-Denmark Social Security Agreement and related documents.

GEORGE W. BUSH,
THE WHITE HOUSE, February 28, 2008.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD) announced that on today, Feb-

ruary 28, 2008, he had signed the following enrolled bills, previously signed by the Speaker of the House:

S. 2571. An act to make technical corrections to the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act.

H.R. 2082. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes.

At 1:55 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 2272. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service known as the Southpark Station in Alexandria, Louisiana, as the John "Marty" Thiels Southpark Station, in honor and memory of Thiels, a Louisiana postal worker who was killed in the line of duty on October 4, 2007.

S. 2478. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 59 Colby Comer in East Hampstead, New Hampshire, as the "Captain Jonathan D. Grassbaugh Post Office".

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3803. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3100 Cashwell Drive in Goldsboro, North Carolina, as the "John Henry Wooten, Sr. Post Office Building".

H.R. 3936. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 116 Helen Highway in Cleveland, Georgia, as the "Sgt. Jason Harkins Post Office Building".

H.R. 4454. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3050 Hunsinger Lane in Louisville, Kentucky, as the "Iraq and Afghanistan Fallen Military Heroes of Louisville Memorial Post Office Building", in honor of the servicemen and women from Louisville, Kentucky, who died in service during Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

H.R. 5351. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives for the production of renewable energy and energy conservation.

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

S. Con. Res. 67. Concurrent resolution establishing the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies.

S. Con. Res. 68. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol by the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 605(a) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008 (Public Law 110-161), and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Speaker appoints the following members on the part of the House of Representatives to the National Commission on Children and Disasters:

Dr. Irwin Redliner of New York, New York.

Mr. Bruce A. Lockwood of Canton, Connecticut.

The message also announced that pursuant to Senate Concurrent Resolution 67, 110th Congress, and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies:

Ms. PELOSI of California.
Mr. HOYER of Maryland.

Mr. BOEHNER of Ohio.

The message further announced that pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 6968(a), and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Speaker appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the Board of Visitors to the United States Naval Academy to fill the existing vacancy thereon:

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN of New Jersey.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 5 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 5264. An act to extend the Andean Trade Preference Act, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5478. An act to provide for the continued minting and insurance of certain \$1 coins in 2008.

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the acting President pro tempore (Mr. PRYOR).

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 3454. An act to provide for the conveyance of a small parcel of National Forest System land in the George Washington National Forest in Alleghany County, Virginia, that contains the cemetery of the Central Advent Christian Church and an adjoining tract of land located between the cemetery and road boundaries; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

H.R. 3803. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3100 Cashwell Drive in Goldsboro, North Carolina, as the "John Henry Wooten, Sr. Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 3936. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 116 Helen Highway in Cleveland, Georgia, as the "Sgt. Jason Harkins Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 4140. An act to designate the Port Angeles Federal Building in Port Angeles, Washington, as the "Richard B. Anderson Federal Building"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 4454. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3050 Hunsinger Lane in Louisville, Kentucky, as the "Iraq and Afghanistan Fallen Military Heroes of Louisville Memorial Post Office Building", in honor of the servicemen and women from Louisville, Kentucky, who died in service during Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 5351. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incen-

tives for the production of renewable energy and energy conservation; to the Committee on Finance.

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 270. Concurrent resolution to make corrections in the enrollment of the bill H.R. 1593; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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-5290. A communication from the Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Final Rule Designating the Northern Rocky Mountain Population of Gray Wolf as a Distinct Population Segment and Removing this Distinct Population Segment from the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife" (RIN1018-AU53) received on February 26, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5291. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prior Determination Process for Certain Items and Services" (RIN0938-AN10) received on February 22, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5292. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to overseas surplus property; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5293. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, weekly reports relative to progress in Iraq for the period of December 12, 2007, through February 13, 2008; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5294. A communication from the Program Manager, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Chafee National Youth In Transition Database" (RIN0970-AC21) received on February 26, 2008; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5295. A communication from the Comptroller General of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to employees who were assigned to congressional committees during fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5296. A communication from the Associate Deputy Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to grants streamlining and standardization; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5297. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, proposed legislation detailing the Department's request for funds for fiscal year 2009; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mrs. BOXER, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment:

S. 2146. A bill to authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to accept, as part of a settlement, diesel emission reduction Supplemental Environmental Projects, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-266).

By Mr. AKAKA, from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, without amendment:

S. 2160. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a pain care initiative in health care facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-267).

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. ALLARD:

S. 2673. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10799 West Alameda Avenue in Lakewood, Colorado, as the "Felix Sparks Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BURR:

S. 2674. A bill to amend titles 10 and 38, United States Code, to improve and enhance procedures for the retirement of members of the Armed Forces for disability and to improve and enhance authorities for the rating and compensation of service-connected disabilities in veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BROWNBACK:

S. 2675. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 201 West Greenway Street in Derby, Kansas, as the "Sergeant Jamie O. Maugans Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 2676. A bill to make technical corrections to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

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

S. 2677. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to authorize the Secretary of Education to provide grants to institutions of higher education to establish programs for the provision of services and support to veterans who are students at such institutions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. McCASKILL:

S. 2678. A bill to clarify the law and ensure that children born to United States citizens while serving overseas in the military are eligible to become President; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 2679. A bill to provide assistance for the Museum of the History of Polish Jews in Warsaw, Poland; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. SALAZAR:

S. 2680. A bill to amend the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 to require the Secretary of the Interior to take certain actions to address environmental problems associated with the Leadville Mine Drainage Tunnel in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.