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H.R. 5664. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to update at least once every six years the plans and specifications for specially adapted housing furnished to veterans by the Secretary.

H.R. 5729. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide comprehensive health care to children of Vietnam veterans born with Spina Bifida, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6048. An act to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to provide for the protection of child custody arrangements for parents who are members of the Armed Forces deployed in support of a contingency operation.

H.R. 6074. An act to amend the Sherman Act to make oil-producing and exporting cartels illegal and for other purposes.

H.R. 6081. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide benefits for military personnel, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 32. Concurrent resolution honoring the members of the United States Air Force who were killed in the June 25, 1996, terrorist bombing of the Khobar Towers United States military housing compound near Dhahran, Saudi Arabia.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 1464. An act to assist in the conservation of rare felids and rare canids by supporting and providing financial resources for the conservation programs of nations within the range of rare felid and rare canid populations and projects of persons with demonstrated expertise in the conservation of rare felid and rare canid populations; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 2649. An act to make amendments to the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 2744. An act to amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 to clarify the eligibility requirements with respect to airline flight crews; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

S. 3036. A bill to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a program to decrease emissions of greenhouse gases, and for other purposes.

S. 3044. A bill to provide energy price relief and hold oil companies and other entities accountable for their actions with regard to high energy prices, and for other purposes.

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

H.R. 6074. An act to amend the Sherman Act to make oil-producing and exporting cartels illegal 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-6321. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General John F. Sattler, United States Marine Corps, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6322. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General David F. Melcher, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6323. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General James M. Dubik, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6324. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral Paul E. Sullivan, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6325. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, notification of the payment-in-kind compensation that has been negotiated with Germany for the return of U.S.-funded improvements at 30 small sites; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6326. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting the withdrawal of the Secretary's previous certification of satisfactory service for a retired officer; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6327. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Defense for Logistics and Materiel Readiness, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on budgeting for the sustainment of key military equipment for fiscal year 2009; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6328. A communication from the Associate Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule Amending the Rough Diamonds Control Regulations to Add Two New Requirements Designed to Enhance the Collection of Statistics Related to Importations and Exportations of Rough Diamonds" (RIN1505-AB95) received on May 20, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6329. A communication from the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Definition of Eligible Portfolio Company under the Investment Company Act" (RIN3235-AJ31) received on May 20, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6330. 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; Skowhegan, ME" (RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. 07-ANE-94) received on May 20, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6331. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Williamsport, PA" (RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. 05-AEA-19) received on May 20, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6332. 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; Lewistown, PA" (RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. 07-AEA-14) received on May 20, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6333. 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; Lexington, OK" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 08-ASW-1)) received on May 20, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6334. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Cameron Balloons Ltd. Models AX5-42, AX5-42 BOLT, AX6-56, AX6-56A, AX6-56Z, AX6-56 BOLT, AX7-65, AX7-65Z, AX7-65 BOLT, AX7-77, AX7-77A, AX7-77Z, AX7-77 BOLT, AX8-90 (S.1), AX8-90 (S.2), AX8-105 (S.1), AX8-105 (S.2), AX9-120 (S.1), AX9-120 (S.2), AX9-140, AX10-160 (S.1), AX10-160 (S.2), AX10-180 (S.1), AX10-180 (S.2), AX210, AX11-225, and AX11-250 Balloons" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2008-CE-008)) received on May 20, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6335. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier Model DHC-8-102, DHC-8-103, DHC-8-106, DHC-8-201, DHC-8-202, DHC-8-301, DHC-8-311, and DHC-8-315 Airplanes, and Model DHC-8-400 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-NM-233)) received on May 20, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6336. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Embraer Model EMB-120, -120ER, -120FC, -120QC, and -120RT Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-NM-171)) received on May 20, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6337. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; ATR Model ATR42 and ATR72 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-NM-172)) received on May 20, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6338. 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 A319, A320, and A321 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-NM-111)) received on May 20, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6339. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 737-300, -400, and -500 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-NM-187)) received on May 20, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6340. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Fokker Model F.28 Mark 0070 and 0100 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-NM-191)) received on May 20, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6341. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, trans-

mitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; General Electric Company CF34-8C1, -8C5, -8C5B1, -8E5, -8E5A1, and CF34-10E Series Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-NE-36)) received on May 20, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6342. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Inseason Closure of the Commercial Fishery for Deep Water Grouper in the Gulf of Mexico for the 2008 Fishing Year" (RIN0648-XG27) received on May 20, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6343. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Inseason Closure of the Commercial Fishery for Tilefishes in the Gulf of Mexico for the 2008 Fishing Year" (RIN0648-XG71) received on May 20, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6344. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Closure of Tilefish Permit Category B to Directed Tilefish Fishing" (RIN0648-XF91) received on May 20, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6345. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Ocean Perch by Vessels in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Trawl Limited Access Fishery in the Eastern Aleutian District of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XH62) received on May 20, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6346. A communication from the Director of Civil Works, Department of the Army, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Compensatory Mitigation for Losses of Aquatic Resources" (RIN0710-AA55) received on May 20, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6347. A communication from the Social Security Regulations Officer, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to the Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency Program" (RIN0960-AF89) received on May 20, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6348. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the extension of waiver authority for Turkmenistan; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6349. A communication from the Acting Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2008-62-2008-68); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6350. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed agreement for the export of defense articles to the Republic of Korea for the development of the A-50 Aircraft; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6351. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed license

for the export of revolvers being sold for end use by the Ministry of the Interior of Thailand; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6352. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to U.S. contributions to the United Nations and its affiliated agencies during fiscal years 2006 and 2007; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6353. A communication from the Director, Financial Management and Assurance, Government Accountability Office, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Office's opinion on the financial statements of the Congressional Award Foundation; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6354. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the use of student loan repayments by Federal agencies during fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6355. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the designation of an acting officer for the position of U.S. Marshal for the Eastern District of Kentucky, received on May 20, 2008; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6356. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the designation of an acting officer for the position of U.S. Marshal for the Western District of Michigan, received on May 20, 2008; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6357. A communication from the National Chairman, Naval Sea Cadet Corps, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Audit and Annual Report of Corps for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6358. A communication from the Chair of the Board of Directors, Office of Compliance, transmitting, pursuant to Section 304(b)(3) of the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 (CAA), 2 U.S.C. 1384(b)(3), a general notice of proposed rulemaking as originally transmitted to the President pro tempore of the Senate on March 14, 2008, and printed in the RECORD on March 31, 2008; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-348. A resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Douglas County of the State of Nebraska expressing its opposition to any cutback of the National Institute of Corrections budget; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-349. A resolution adopted by the Bakersfield City Council of the State of California expressing the Council's support of the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-350. A resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Taft of the State of California expressing its support of the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-351. A joint resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Maine urging Congress to stop gasoline price manipulation and to close the Enron loophole; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Whereas, energy prices are reaching an all-time high in the United States and its citizens are especially hard hit in the State of