

Luiseno Indians relating to alleged interferences with the water resources of the Tribe, to authorize and direct the Secretary of the Interior to execute and perform the Settlement Agreement and related waivers, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5787. An act to amend title 40, United States Code, to enhance authorities with regard to real property that has yet to be reported excess, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5826. An act to increase, effective as of December 1, 2008, the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain service-connected disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5856. An act to authorize major medical facility projects and major medical facility leases for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2009, and for other purposes.

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

H. Con. Res. 300. Concurrent resolution recognizing the necessity for the United States to maintain its significant leadership role in improving the health and promoting the resiliency of coral reef ecosystems, and for other purposes.

H. Con. Res. 325. Concurrent resolution celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Mackinac Island State Park Commission's Historical Preservation and Museum Program, which began on June 15, 1958, and for other purposes.

H. Con. Res. 334. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals and objectives of a National Military Appreciation Month.

At 6:39 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. 6124. An act to provide for the continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 752. To direct Federal agencies to transfer excess Federal electronic equipment, including computers, computer components, printers, and fax machines, to educational recipients; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 1771. An act to assist in the conservation of cranes by supporting and providing, through projects of persons and organizations with expertise in crane conservation, financial resources for the conservation programs of countries the activities of which directly or indirectly affect cranes and the ecosystems of cranes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 3323. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey a water distribution system to the Goleta Water District, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 3819. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to reimburse veterans receiving emergency treatment in non-Department of Veterans Affairs facilities for such treatment until such veterans are transferred to

Department facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 5787. An act to amend title 40, United States Code, to enhance authorities with regard to real property that has yet to be reported excess, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 5826. An act to increase, effective as of December 1, 2008, the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain service-connected disabled veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 5856. An act to authorize major medical facility projects and major medical facility leases for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2009, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

The following concurrent resolutions were read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 300. Concurrent resolution recognizing the necessity for the United States to maintain its significant leadership role in improving the health and promoting the resiliency of coral reef ecosystems, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H. Con. Res. 325. Concurrent resolution celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Mackinac Island State Park Commission's Historical Preservation and Museum Program, which began on June 15, 1958, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H. Con. Res. 334. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals and objectives of a National Military Appreciation Month; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### 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. 6124. An act to provide for the continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LIEBERMAN, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2420. A bill to encourage the donation of excess food to nonprofit organizations that provide assistance to food-insecure people in the United States in contracts entered into by executive agencies for the provision, service, or sale of food (Rept. No. 110-338).

By Mr. INOUE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with amendments:

S. 1581. A bill to establish an interagency committee to develop an ocean acidification research and monitoring plan and to establish an ocean acidification program within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (Rept. No. 110-339).

By Mr. INOUE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, without amendment:

S. 2482. A bill to repeal the provision of title 46, United States Code, requiring a license for employment in the business of sal-

vaging on the coast of Florida (Rept. No. 110-340).

By Mr. INOUE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with amendments:

S. 2307. A bill to amend the Global Change Research Act of 1990, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-341).

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

S. Res. 563. A resolution designating September 13, 2008, as "National Childhood Cancer Awareness Day".

S. Res. 567. A resolution designating June 2008 as "National Internet Safety Month".

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S. 1210. A bill to extend the grant program for drug-endangered children.

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2982. A bill to amend the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act to authorize appropriations, and for other purposes.

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. LEVIN from the Committee on Armed Services.

Air Force nomination of Col. Kimberly A. Siniscalchi, to be Major General.

Air Force nomination of Maj. Gen. Mark D. Shackelford, to be Lieutenant General.

Air Force nomination of Maj. Gen. Philip M. Breedlove, to be Lieutenant General.

Air Force nomination of Maj. Gen. Charles E. Stenner, Jr., to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Lt. Gen. Stanley A. McChrystal, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Brig. Gen. John F. Mulholland, Jr., to be Lieutenant General.

Army nominations beginning with Brigadier General Stephen E. Bogle and ending with Colonel Joe M. Wells, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 29, 2008.

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

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. Harry B. Harris, Jr., to be Vice Admiral.

Navy nominations beginning with Rear Adm. (1h) Julius S. Caesar and ending with Rear Adm. (1h) Garland P. Wright, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 14, 2008.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. William H. McRaven, to be Vice Admiral.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. Michael C. Vitale, to be Vice Admiral.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. (1h) Raymond E. Berube, to be Rear Admiral.

Navy nominations beginning with Rear Adm. (1h) Richard R. Jeffries and ending with Rear Adm. (1h) David J. Smith, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 3, 2008.

Navy nominations beginning with Capt. David F. Baucum and ending with Capt. Vincent L. Griffith, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 31, 2008.

Navy nominations beginning with Capt. David C. Johnson and ending with Capt. Thomas J. Moore, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 31, 2008.

Navy nominations beginning with Capt. Donald E. Gaddis and ending with Capt.

Maude E. Young, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 31, 2008.

Navy nominations beginning with Capt. Michael H. Anderson and ending with Capt. William R. Kiser, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 31, 2008.

Navy nomination of Capt. Norman R. Hayes, to be Rear Admiral (lower half).

Navy nomination of Capt. William E. Leigher, to be Rear Admiral (lower half).

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. William E. Gortney, to be Vice Admiral.

Navy nomination of Vice Adm. Melvin G. Williams, Jr., to be Vice Admiral.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. David J. Dorsett, to be Vice Admiral.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. (lh) Kevin M. McCoy, to be Vice Admiral.

Navy nomination of Vice Adm. William D. Crowder, to be Vice Admiral.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. Peter H. Daly, to be Vice Admiral.

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, for the Committee on Armed Services I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORDS on the dates indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

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

Air Force nominations beginning with Lonnie B. Barker and ending with Jerry P. Pitts, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 11, 2008.

Air Force nominations beginning with Eric L. Bloomfield and ending with Deborah L. Mueller, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 28, 2008.

Air Force nominations beginning with Mary J. Bernheim and ending with Kelli C. Mack, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on May 13, 2008.

Air Force nominations beginning with James E. Ostrander and ending with Frank J. Nocilla, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on May 13, 2008.

Army nomination of Cheryl Amyx, to be Major.

Army nomination of Deborah K. Sirratt, to be Major.

Army nominations beginning with Mark A. Cannon and ending with Michael J. Miller, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 23, 2008.

Army nominations beginning with Gene Kahn and ending with James D. Townsend, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 23, 2008.

Army nominations beginning with Lozay Foots III and ending with Margaret L. Young, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 23, 2008.

Army nominations beginning with Phillip J. Caravella and ending with Paul S. Lajos, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 23, 2008.

Army nomination of Jimmy D. Swanson, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Ronald J. Sheldon, to be Colonel.

Army nominations beginning with Brian M. Boldt and ending with Christopher L.

Tracy, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on May 8, 2008.

Army nomination of James K. McNeely, to be Major.

Navy nominations beginning with Stanley A. Okoro and ending with David B. Rosenberg, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 24, 2008.

Navy nomination of Robert S. McMaster, to be Lieutenant Commander.

Navy nomination of Christopher S. Kaplafka, to be Lieutenant Commander.

Navy nomination of David R. Eggleston, to be Lieutenant Commander.

Navy nominations beginning with Katherine A. Isgrig and ending with Jason C. Kedzierski, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on May 13, 2008.

Navy nominations beginning with Robert D. Younger and ending with Jeffrey W. Willis, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on May 13, 2008.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN for the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

\*Paul A. Schneider, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN for the Committee on Rules and Administration.

\*Cynthia L. Bauerly, of Minnesota, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2011.

\*Caroline C. Hunter, of Florida, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2013.

\*Donald F. McGahn, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2009.

By Mr. LEAHY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Elisebeth C. Cook, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

William Walter Wilkins, III, of South Carolina, to be United States Attorney for the District of South Carolina for the term of four years.

\*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. ALEXANDER:

S. 3048. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make the allowance of bonus depreciation and the increased expensing limitations permanent; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ALEXANDER:

S. 3049. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make the capital gains and dividends rate permanent and to provide estate tax relief and reform, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. DOMENICI):

S. 3050. A bill to reduce temporarily the duty on certain isotopic separation machinery and apparatus, and parts thereof, for use

in the construction of an isotopic separation facility in southern New Mexico; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRAHAM:

S. 3051. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the site of the Battle of Camden in South Carolina, as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BIDEN (for himself and Mr. LUGAR):

S. 3052. A bill to provide for the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign recipients; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 3053. A bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to provide grants for eligible entities to provide services to improve financial literacy among older individuals; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself and Mr. KERRY):

S. 3054. A bill to require all automobiles manufactured or sold in the United States to be equipped with a real time and average fuel economy display; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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

S. 3055. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the rate of the excise tax on certain wooden arrows designed for use by children; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BAYH (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. SALAZAR, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. DURBIN, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 3056. A bill to reduce the dependence of the United States on foreign oil, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 3057. A bill to amend title 37, United States Code, to provide a special displacement allowance for members of the uniformed services without dependents, to provide for an annual percentage increase in the amount of the family separation allowance for members of the uniformed services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

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

S. 3058. A bill to prohibit the importation of certain products that contain or are derived from columbite-tantalite or cassiterite mined or extracted in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 3059. A bill to permit commercial trucks to use certain highways of the Interstate System to provide significant savings in the transportation of goods throughout the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. CASEY, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 3060. A bill to amend title 37, United States Code, to require the payment of monthly special pay for members of the uniformed services whose service on active duty is extended by a stop-loss order or similar mechanism, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

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