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CONGRATULATING CARRIE LIERL

● Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, today I congratulate Ms. Carrie Lierl on placing first in Kentucky for the 21st annual National Peace Essay Contest State-level competition. Sponsored by the United States Institute of Peace, the National Peace Essay Contest asks American high school students to write an analytical essay on a topic chosen by the Institute's board of directors. This year's topic was on the relationship between natural resources and international conflict. An independent panel of experts judges each essay and a winner is chosen from every state, plus one from U.S. territories and one from among American students living abroad.

In addition to placing first in Kentucky, Carrie will receive a \$1,000 college scholarship and is currently competing for national scholarship awards of up to \$10,000. On June 22, 2008, Carrie will join fellow essay winners from around the country in an all-expense paid weeklong seminar in Washington, DC, to participate in embassy briefings, and conflict resolution simulations, while meeting with officials from Congress, Federal agencies, and experts and practitioners from various organizations.

Ms. Lierl has proven herself to be an exemplary student, representing the Commonwealth of Kentucky at the 2008 National Peace Essay Contest. I look forward to seeing all that she will accomplish in the future.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Neiman, 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 3:24 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the House to the resolution (S. Con. Res. 70) setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fis-

cal year 2009 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2008 and 2010 through 2013.

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

H.R. 1343. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide additional authorizations of appropriations for the health centers program under section 330 of such Act, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3712. An act to designate the United States courthouse located at 1716 Spielbusch Avenue in Toledo, Ohio, as the "James M. Ashley and Thomas W.L. Ashley United States Courthouse".

H.R. 5599. An act to designate the Federal building located at 4600 Silver Hill road in Suitland, Maryland, as the "Thomas Jefferson Census Bureau Headquarters Building".

H.R. 5669. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the poison center national toll-free number, national media campaign, and grant program to provide assistance for poison prevention, sustain the funding of poison centers, and enhance the public health of people of the United States.

H.R. 5893. An act to reauthorize the sound recording and film preservation programs of the Library of Congress, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5972. An act to make technical corrections to the laws affecting certain administrative authorities of the United States Capitol Police, 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. 311. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby.

H. Con. Res. 335. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for a celebration of the 100th anniversary of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.

H. Con. Res. 366. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that increasing American capabilities in science, mathematics, and technology education should be a national priority.

At 5:01 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 joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.J. Res. 92. Joint resolution increasing the statutory limit on the public debt.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 1343. To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide additional authorizations of appropriations for the health centers program under section 330 of such Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 3712. To designate the United States courthouse located at 1716 Spielbusch Avenue in Toledo, Ohio, as the "James M. Ashley and Thomas W.L. Ashley United States Courthouse"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 5599. An act to designate the Federal building located at 4600 Silver Hill Road in

Suitland, Maryland, as the "Thomas Jefferson Census Bureau Headquarters Building"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 5669. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the poison center national toll-free number, national media campaign, and grant program to provide assistance for poison prevention, sustain the funding of poison centers, and enhance the public health of people of the United States; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 5893. An act to reauthorize the sound recording and film preservation programs of the Library of Congress, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

H.R. 5972. An act to make technical corrections to the laws affecting certain administrative authorities of the United States Capitol Police, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

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

H. Con. Res. 335. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for a celebration of the 100th anniversary of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

H. Con. Res. 366. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that increasing American capabilities in science, mathematics, and technology education should be a national priority; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 6049. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives for energy production and conservation, to extend certain expiring provisions, to provide individual income tax relief, and for other purposes.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following joint resolution was read the first time:

H.J. Res. 92. A joint resolution increasing the statutory limit on the public debt.

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-6519. A communication from the Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Project Design and Cost Standards for the Section 202 and Section 811 Programs" (RIN2502-A148) received on June 3, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6520. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Section 110(a)(1) 8-Hour Ozone Maintenance Plan and 2002 Base-Year Inventory for the Wayne County Area" (FRL No. 8576-4) received on June 3, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6521. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Virginia: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revision; Withdrawal of Immediate Final Rule" (FRL No. 8574-7) received on June 3, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6522. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Waste Management System: Identification and Listing of Hazardous Waste; Amendment to Hazardous Waste Code F019" (FRL No. 8575-4) received on June 3, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6523. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District" (FRL No. 8567-4) received on June 3, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6524. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the feasibility study that was undertaken to evaluate hurricane and storm damage reduction alternatives for Port Monmouth, Middletown Township, Monmouth County, New Jersey; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6525. A communication from the Chief, Border Security Regulations Branch, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes to the Visa Waiver Program to Implement the Electronic System for Travel Authorization Program" (RIN1651-AA72) received on June 3, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6526. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Final Report to Congress on the Evaluation of Medicare Disease Management Programs"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6527. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the Secretary's recommendation to continue a waiver of application of a section of the Trade Act of 1974 with respect to Belarus; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6528. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the Community Food and Nutrition Program for fiscal years 2004 and 2005; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6529. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the addition of workers from the Kellex/Pierpont facility in Jersey City, New Jersey, to the Special Exposure Cohort; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6530. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the addition of workers from the Horizons, Inc. facility in Cleveland, Ohio, to the Special Exposure Cohort; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6531. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the addition of workers from SAM Laboratories to the Special Exposure Cohort; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6532. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the addition of workers from the Hanford Nuclear Reservation in Richland, Washington, to the Special Exposure Cohort; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6533. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the addition of workers from Nuclear Materials and Equipment Corporation facility in Parks Township, Pennsylvania, to the Special Exposure Cohort; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6534. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of Management, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Demands for Testimony or Records in Legal Proceedings" (RIN1880-AA83) received on June 3, 2008; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6535. A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period of October 1, 2007, through March 31, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6536. A communication from the Chairman, Broadcasting Board of Governors, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period of October 1, 2007, through March 31, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6537. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-399, "Pre-k Enhancement and Expansion Amendment Act of 2008" received on June 3, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6538. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-400, "Dr. Vincent E. Reed Auditorium Designation Act of 2008" received on June 3, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6539. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-387, "Supplemental Appropriations Release of Funds Temporary Amendment Act of 2008" received on June 3, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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-357. A resolution adopted by the Metropolitan King County Council of the State of Washington supporting the withdrawal of federal appropriation for the Airbus tanker; to the Committee on Armed Services.

POM-358. A joint resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature expressing its support for Resolution number 80 of the Legislature of Guam; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

POM-359. A letter from a private citizen relative to funding of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

POM-360. A resolution adopted by the New Britain Common Council of the State of Connecticut opposing the continuation of the

Iraq war; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

POM-361. A resolution adopted by the Caribbean and North American Area Council of the World Alliance urging Congress to end the U.S. economic blockade of Cuba; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

POM-362. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Mississippi urging Congress to support the passage of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 556

Whereas, in December 2000, the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act, a Federal act, was signed into law; and

Whereas, the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act provides federal funds to counties and school districts with national forest lands located within the county boundaries; and

Whereas, 33 counties have substantial tracts of land in public ownership which can neither be developed nor taxed to generate revenue from economic activity or taxation; and

Whereas, these counties have United States National Forests within its boundaries and have received critical funds for roads and schools based on revenues generated from these forests; and

Whereas, the payments provided to these counties have been a consistent and necessary source of funding for the schools, teachers and students; and

Whereas, in December 2007, the United States Congress removed the reauthorization of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act from the Energy Legislation to which it was attached. This legislation was subsequently passed and signed into law without reauthorization for the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act; and

Whereas, the funding provided through the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act will significantly contribute to the local economy of these counties by providing the necessary funds for schools and roads, which is vital for sustained economic development; and

Whereas, these counties depend on the funding from the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act and unless the funding is secured through legislation as deemed appropriate by the Mississippi congressional delegation, these counties will lose critical funding that it has received for decades:

Now, Therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of Mississippi, the House of Representatives concurring therein, That we, the members of the Legislature of the State of Mississippi, respectfully request that the United States Congress pass the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act so that these Mississippi counties may continue to adequately maintain the roads and schools and sustain economic development in the state.

Be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate is directed to transmit copies of this resolution to President George W. Bush, the Secretary of the United States Senate, the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, the Governor of the State of Mississippi, each member of the Mississippi congressional delegation, and that copies be made available to members of the Capitol Press Corps.

POM-363. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Michigan urging Congress