

neighborhoods between La. 311 and Bayou Black Drive. The week before he was sworn into office, Mr. Robichaux learned he had two tumors on his brain, caused by cancer that started in his lungs. Despite his illness, he continued to serve his constituents and was open about his cancer diagnosis, and when asked about his progress, he shared information about his treatments and his determination to press on.

Leland Robichaux passed away Sunday, June 1. In his roughly 4 months on the council, he helped work on coastal-restoration and levee projects. He is survived by not only family members but also the grateful city of Houma and council who have lost a great man and great leader.

Thus, today, I rise to honor a fellow Louisianan, Leland Robichaux, and thank him and his family for his dedicated service to our State and Nation. ●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 4:52 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, without amendment:

S. 254. An act to award posthumously a Congressional gold medal to Constantino Brumidi.

S. 682. An act to award a congressional gold medal to Edward William Brooke III in recognition of his unprecedented and enduring service to our Nation.

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

H.R. 2268. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of the establishment of Mother's Day.

H.R. 3229. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the legacy of the United States Army Infantry and the establishment of the National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center.

H.R. 6028. An act to authorize law enforcement and security assistance, and assistance to enhance the rule of law and strengthen civilian, institutions, for Mexico and the countries of Central America, 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. 318. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of the International Year of Sanitation.

H. Con. Res. 332. Concurrent resolution recognizing the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

H. Con. Res. 336. Concurrent resolution honoring the sacrifices and contributions made by disabled American veterans.

H. Con. Res. 337. Concurrent resolution honoring Seeds of Peace for its 15th anniversary as an organization promoting understanding, reconciliation, acceptance, coexistence, and peace in the Middle East, South Asia, and other regions of conflict.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 2268. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of the establishment of Mother's Day; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 3229. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the legacy of the United States Army Infantry and the establishment of the National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 6028. An act to authorize law enforcement and security assistance, and assistance to enhance the rule of law and strengthen civilian institutions, for Mexico and the countries of Central America, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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

H. Con. Res. 332. Concurrent resolution recognizing the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H. Con. Res. 336. Concurrent resolution honoring the sacrifices and contributions made by disabled American veterans; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following concurrent resolution was read, and placed on the calendar:

H. Con. Res. 318. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of the International Year of Sanitation.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 3118. A bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to preserve beneficiary access to care by preventing a reduction in the Medicare physician fee schedule, to improve the quality of care by advancing value based purchasing, electronic health records, and electronic prescribing, and to maintain and improve access to care in rural areas, 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-6548. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Consolidation of the Fruit Fly Regulations" (Docket No. APHIS-2007-0084) received on June 9, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6549. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of violations of the Antideficiency Act within the Department of the Army which have been assigned case number 06-08; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-6550. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary

of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of (11) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of rear admiral (lower half) in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6551. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of General Michael B. Hayden, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6552. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of General Richard A. Cody, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6553. A communication from the Federal Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "TRICARE; Certain Survivors of Deceased Active Duty Members; and Adoption Intermediaries" ((RIN0720-AB07)(DoD-2006-HA-0194)) received on June 9, 2008; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6554. A communication from the Deputy Chief of Legislative Affairs, Department of the Navy, transmitting, pursuant to law, notification of the department's decision to convert to contract the bulk fuel storage and distribution functions at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6555. A communication from the Deputy Chief of Legislative Affairs, Department of the Navy, transmitting, pursuant to law, notification of the performance decision to convert to the Most Efficient Organization (MEO) information technology services currently performed at the Fleet Numerical Meteorology Oceanography Center; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6556. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Federally Funded Research and Development Center's Estimated FY 2009 Staff-years of Technical Effort (STEs) and Estimated Funding"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6557. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a certification that the retirement of a U-2 aircraft located at Palmdale, California, will not adversely impact intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance capabilities; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6558. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month report on the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13159 relative to the risk of nuclear proliferation created by the accumulation of weapons-usable fissile material in the territory of the Russian Federation; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6559. A communication from the Chairman, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "2007 Annual Report of the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA)"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6560. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the national emergency with respect to the risk of nuclear proliferation created by the accumulation of weapons-usable fissile material in the territory of the Russian Federation; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6561. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory

Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Correcting Amendment to Correct Metric Conversion Errors in Guideline Harvest Levels for the Guided Recreational Halibut Fishery" (RIN0648-AW82) received on June 9, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6562. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Area 2C Charter Halibut Fishery GHL Management Measures" (RIN0648-AW23) received on June 9, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6563. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Correcting Amendment of the 50 CFR 680.40 (J)(3)(i) and (J)(3)(ii)" (RIN0648-AS47) received on June 9, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6564. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule to Amend the Crab Rationalization Program to Implement the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 2006 and the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2006" (RIN0648-AV19) received on June 9, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6565. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Annual Specifications for the 2008 Pacific Sardine Fishing Season" (RIN0648-XG22) received on June 9, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6566. 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 Economic Exclusive Zone off Alaska; Shallow-Water Species Fishery by Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XI13) received on June 9, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6567. 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; Yellowfin Sole by Vessels Participating in the Amendment 80 Limited Access Fishery in Bycatch Limitation Zone 1 of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XI14) received on June 9, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6568. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Inseason Trip Limit Reduction for the Commercial Fishery for Golden Tilefish for the 2008 Fishing Year" (RIN0648-XI05) received on June 9, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6569. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rescind Longline Pot Gear Closure in Bering Sea During June; Allow Temporary Military Transfers of Individual Fishing Quota"

(RIN0648-AV64) received on June 9, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6570. A communication from the Associate Bureau Chief, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Improving Public Safety Communications in the 800 MHz Band: New 800 MHz Band Plan for U.S.-Canada Border Regions" (WT Docket No. 02-55) received on June 9, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6571. A communication from the Legal Advisor, Wireless Telecommunication Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of Sections 309 (j) and 337 of the Communications Act of 1934 as Amended; Promotion of Spectrum Efficient Technologies on Certain Part 90 Frequencies" (WT Docket No. 99-87) received on June 9, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6572. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "47 C.F.R. Section 73.622(i)—DTV Table of Allotments" (DA 08-1185) received on June 9, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6573. A communication from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulatory Improvements to the Nuclear Materials Management Safety and Safeguards System" (RIN3150-AH85) received on June 9, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6574. A communication from the Chief of the Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Articles Assembled Abroad: Operations Incidental to the Assembly Process" (RIN1505-AB90) received on June 9, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6575. A communication from the Chief of the Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Dominican Republic—Central America—United States Free Trade Agreement" (RIN1505-AB84) received on June 9, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6576. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the presidential determination required to suspend the limitation on the obligation of State Department Appropriations contained in the Jerusalem Embassy Act of 1995, along with an accompanying report; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6577. 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 2008-84—2008-93); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6578. A communication from the Deputy Director for Operations, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "By-laws of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation" (29 CFR Part 4002) received on June 9, 2008; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6579. A communication from the Deputy Director for Operations, Pension Benefit

Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits" (29 CFR Parts 4022 and 4044) received on June 9, 2008; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6580. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulating Services, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rehabilitation Training—Rehabilitation Continuing Education Program" (73 FR 5179) received on June 9, 2008; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6581. A communication from the Acting Administrator, General Services Administration, 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-6582. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, 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-6583. A communication from the Secretary of Education, 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-6584. A communication from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank of the United States, 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-6585. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Review of the District's Cash Advance Fund"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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. WICKER (for himself, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BURR, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. ENZI, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. THUNE, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. VOINOVICH):

S. 3111. A bill to implement equal protection under the 14th article of amendment to the Constitution for the right of life of each born and preborn human person; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ENZI:

S. 3112. A bill to reauthorize the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act and the Randolph-Sheppard Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. DOLE (for herself and Mr. BURR):

S. 3113. A bill to reinstate the Interim Management Strategy governing off-road vehicle use in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore, North Carolina, pending the issuance of a final rule for off-road vehicle use by the National Park Service; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.