

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF ROSCOE, SOUTH DAKOTA

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Roscoe, SD. The town of Roscoe will commemorate its 125th anniversary of its founding with celebrations July 4-6, 2008.

Located in Edmunds County, Roscoe was founded in 1883 and was named after Roscoe Conkling, who served as Senator of New York from 1867 to 1881. Since its beginning 125 years ago, the community of Roscoe has continued to serve as a strong example of South Dakota values and traditions.

I would like to offer my congratulations to the citizens of Roscoe on this milestone anniversary and wish them continued prosperity in the years to come.●

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF TULARE, SOUTH DAKOTA

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Tulare, South Dakota. The town of Tulare commemorated its 125th anniversary of its founding with celebrations June 20-22, 2008.

Located in Spink County, Tulare was founded in 1883. Since its beginning 125 years ago, the community of Tulare has continued to serve as a strong example of South Dakota values and traditions.

I would like to offer my congratulations to the citizens of Tulare on this milestone anniversary and wish them continued prosperity in the years to come.●

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF WILLO LAKE, SOUTH DAKOTA

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Willow Lake, SD. The town of Willow Lake commemorated its 125th anniversary of its founding with celebrations July 4-6, 2008.

Located in Clark County, Willow Lake was founded in 1883 and was named after the nearby lake, Willow Lake.

Since its beginning 125 years ago, the community of Willow Lake has continued to serve as a strong example of South Dakota values and traditions.

I would like to offer my congratulations to the citizens of Willow Lake on this milestone anniversary and wish them continued prosperity in the years to come.●

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF WOLSEY, SOUTH DAKOTA

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Wolsey, SD. The town of Wolsey commemorated its 125th anniversary of its founding with celebrations June 27-29, 2008.

Located in Beadle County, Wolsey was founded in 1883. Since its beginning 125 years ago, the community of Wolsey has continued to serve as a strong example of South Dakota values and traditions.

I would like to offer my congratulations to the citizens of Wolsey on this milestone anniversary and wish them continued prosperity in the years to come.●

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 and a withdrawal which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING RECESS

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 4, 2007, the Secretary of the Senate, on July 9, 2008, during the recess of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 6304. An act to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to establish a procedure for authorizing certain acquisitions of foreign intelligence, and for other purposes.

Under authority of the order of the Senate of January 4, 2007, the enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the Vice President during the recess of the Senate, on July 9, 2008.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 9:30 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 802. An act to amend the Act to Prevent Pollution from Ships to implement MARPOL Annex VI.

H.R. 3721. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1190 Lorena Road in Lorena, Texas, as the "Marine Gunnery Sgt. John D. Fry Post Office Building".

H.R. 3891. An act to amend the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act to increase the number of Directors on the Board of Directors of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.

H.R. 4185. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11151 Valley Boulevard in El Monte, California, as the "Marisol Heredia Post Office Building".

H.R. 5168. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located

at 19101 Cortez Boulevard in Brooksville, Florida, as the "Cody Grater Post Office Building".

H.R. 5395. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11001 Dunklin Drive in St. Louis, Missouri, as the "William 'Bill' Clay Post Office Building".

H.R. 5479. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 117 North Kidd Street in Ionia, Michigan, as the "Alonzo Woodruff Post Office Building".

H.R. 5517. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7231 FM 1960 in Humble, Texas, as the "Texas Military Veterans Post Office".

H.R. 5528. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 120 Commercial Street in Brockton, Massachusetts, as the "Rocky Marciano Post Office Building".

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

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 2:57 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 6331. An act to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to extend expiring provisions under the Medicare Program, to improve beneficiary access to preventive and mental health services, to enhance low-income benefit programs, and to maintain access to care in rural areas, including pharmacy access, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 2607. An act to make a technical correction to section 3009 of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005.

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

H.R. 3329. An act to provide housing assistance for very low-income veterans.

H.R. 4174. An act 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.

H.R. 4461. An act to promote and enhance the operation of local building code enforcement administration across the country by establishing a competitive Federal matching grant program.

H.R. 5541. An act to provide a supplemental funding source for catastrophic emergency wildland fire suppression activities on Department of the Interior and National Forest System lands, to require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to develop a cohesive wildland fire management strategy, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5811. An act to amend title 44, United States Code, to require preservation of certain electronic records by Federal agencies, to require a certification and reports relating to Presidential records, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6061. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located

at 219 East Main Street in West Frankfort, Illinois, as the "Kenneth James Gray Post Office Building".

H.R. 6184. An act to provide for a program for circulating quarter dollar coins that are emblematic of a national park or other national site in each State, the District of Columbia, and each territory of the United States, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6216. An act to improve the Operating Fund for public housing of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6382. An act to make technical corrections related to the Pension Protection Act of 2006, 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. 375. Concurrent resolution to honor the goal of the International Year of Astronomy, and for other purposes.

At 6:28 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 bill, without amendment:

S. 2967. An act to provide for certain Federal employee benefits to be continued for certain employees of the Senate Restaurants after operations of the Senate Restaurants are contracted to be performed by a private business concern, and for other purposes.

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

H. R. 1286. An act to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail.

The message also announced that the House disagrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 3121) to restore the financial solvency of the national flood insurance program and to provide for such program to make available multiperil coverage for damage resulting from windstorms and floods, and for other purposes, and requests a conference with the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints the following Members as managers of the conference on the part of the House:

From the Committee on Financial Services, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. FRANK of Massachusetts, KANJORSKI, Ms. WATERS, Messrs. WATT, CLAY, KLEIN of Florida, MAHONEY of Florida, BACHUS, Mrs. BIGGERT, Mrs. CAPITO, Messrs. GARRETT of New Jersey, and PRICE of Georgia.

From the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for consideration of section 302 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. DINGELL, BOUCHER, and BARTON of Texas.

From the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for consideration of sections 7 and 2 of the House bill, and sections 107, 119, and 301 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Messrs. BRALEY of Iowa, and GRAVES.

For consideration of sections 7 and 35 of the House bill, and section 128 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. TAYLOR.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 1286. An act to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 3329. An act to provide housing assistance for very low-income veterans; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 4461. An act to promote and enhance the operation of local building code enforcement administration across the country by establishing a competitive Federal matching grant program; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 5541. An act to provide a supplemental funding source for catastrophic emergency wildland fire suppression activities on Department of the Interior and National Forest System lands, to require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to develop a cohesive wildland fire management strategy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 5811. An act to amend title 44, United States Code, to require preservation of certain electronic records by Federal agencies, to require a certification and reports relating to Presidential records, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 6061. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 219 East Main Street in West Frankfort, Illinois, as the "Kenneth James Gray Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 6184. An act to provide for a program for circulating quarter dollar coins that are emblematic of a national park or other national site in each State, the District of Columbia, and each territory of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 6216. An act to improve the Operating Fund for public housing of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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

H. Con. Res. 375. Concurrent resolution to honor the goal of the International Year of Astronomy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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. 4174. An act 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.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communication was laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and was referred as indicated:

EC-7089. 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 opportunities for Raritan Bay and Sandy Hook Bay, Union Beach, New Jersey; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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. 2606. A bill to reauthorize the United States Fire Administration, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-411).

By Mr. LIEBERMAN, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

S. 2291. A bill to enhance citizen access to Government information and services by establishing plain language as the standard style of Government documents issued to the public, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-412).

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

S. 1499. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to reduce air pollution from marine vessels (Rept. No. 110-413).

By Mrs. BOXER, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with amendments:

S. 2844. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to modify provisions relating to beach monitoring, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-414).

By Mr. DORGAN, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 462. A bill to approve the settlement of the water rights claims of the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Indian Reservation in Nevada, to require the Secretary of the Interior to carry out the settlement, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-415).

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. CASEY (for himself, Mr. SANDERS, and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 3237. A bill to assist volunteer fire companies in coping with the precipitous rise in fuel prices; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Mr. ENZI, Mr. TESTER, Mr. BARRASSO, Mrs. McCASKILL, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. SALAZAR, and Mr. NELSON of Nebraska):

S. 3238. A bill to prohibit the importation of ruminants and swine, and fresh and frozen meat and products of ruminants and swine, from Argentina until the Secretary of Agriculture certifies to Congress that every region of Argentina is free of foot and mouth disease without vaccination; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.