

At 3:00 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 joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.J. Res. 62. Joint resolution appointing the day for the convening of the second session of the One Hundred Eleventh Congress.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 1238(b)(3) of the Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001 (22 U.S.C. 7002), as amended by division P of the Consolidated Appropriations Resolution, 2003 (22 U.S.C. 6901), the Minority Leader re-appoints the following members on the part of the House of Representatives to the United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission, effective January 1, 2010: Mr. Peter T.R. Brookes of Virginia and Mr. Daniel M. Slane of Ohio.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 4017. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 43 Maple Avenue in Shrewsbury, Massachusetts, as the "Ann Marie Blute Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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. 1506. An act to provide that claims of the United States to certain documents relating to Franklin Delano Roosevelt shall be treated as waived and relinquished in certain circumstances.

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-3981. 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 "National Veterinary Accreditation Program" (Docket No. APHIS-2006-0093) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 10, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3982. 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 "Swine Health Protection; Feeding of Processed Product to Swine" (Docket No. APHIS-2008-0120) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 10, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3983. A communication from the Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Buy American Act; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3984. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "New Qualified Plug-in Electric Drive Motor Vehicle Credit" (Notice No. 2009-89) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3985. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the export of defense articles, including, technical data, and defense services to Japan relative to the design and manufacture of propellant actuated devices for F-15J Aircraft; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3986. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed amendment to a manufacturing license agreement for the export of defense articles, including, technical data, and defense services to Mexico relative to the design and manufacture of Military Flexible Printed Circuit Board Assemblies (Flex Circuits) in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3987. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed amendment to a manufacturing license agreement for the export of defense articles, including, technical data, and defense services to Japan relative to the design, manufacture, and repair of the Japan PATRIOT Product Improvement Program in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3988. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed technical assistance agreement for the export of defense articles, including, technical data, and defense services to Israel relative to the design, manufacture, and delivery of tactical computers and data processing and communications systems in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3989. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed technical assistance agreement for the export of defense articles, including, technical data, and defense services to Canada to support the sale of C-130J Hercules Aircraft in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3990. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed technical assistance agreement for the export of defense articles, including, technical data, and defense services to the United Kingdom relative to the design and manufacture of Wing Trailing Edge Panels and Flap Hinge Fairings for the C-17 Globemaster III Transport Aircraft in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3991. A communication from the Secretary, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2009, through September 30, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3992. A communication from the Acting Chairman, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2009, through September 30, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3993. A communication from the Assistant Deputy Associate Administrator for Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, Department of Defense and National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-38" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3994. A communication from the Chief Human Capital Officer, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Chief Counsel for Advocacy, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 8, 2009; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

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

S. 448. A bill to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media.

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. CARPER (for himself, Mr. AL-EXANDER, Mr. BYRD, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. WEBB):

S. 2872. A bill to authorize appropriations for the National Historical Publications and Records Commission through fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BEGICH:
S. 2873. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to deny the deduction for direct to consumer advertising expenses for prescription pharmaceuticals and to provide a deduction for fees paid for the participation of children in certain organizations which promote physical activity; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:
S. 2874. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2000 Louisiana Avenue in New Orleans, Louisiana, as the "Ray Rondono, Sr. Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. FEINGOLD:
S. 2875. A bill to establish the Commission on Measures of Household Economic Security to conduct a study and submit a report containing recommendations to establish and report economic statistics that reflect the economic status and well-being of American households; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:
S. 2876. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the capital gain

or loss treatment of the sale or exchange of mitigation credits earned by restoring wetlands, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 2877. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Treasury to establish a program to regulate the entry of fossil carbon into commerce in the United States to promote clean energy jobs and economic growth and avoid dangerous interference with the climate of the Earth, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND:

S. 2878. A bill to prevent gun trafficking in the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. KERRY, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. PRYOR, and Mr. WARNER):

S. 2879. A bill to direct the Federal Communications Commission to conduct a pilot program expanding the Lifeline Program to include broadband service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 605

At the request of Mr. KAUFMAN, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 605, a bill to require the Securities and Exchange Commission to reinstate the uptick rule and effectively regulate abusive short selling activities.

S. 730

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 730, a bill to amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to modify the tariffs on certain footwear, and for other purposes.

S. 812

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 812, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions.

S. 1067

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1067, a bill to support stabilization and lasting peace in northern Uganda and areas affected by the Lord's Resistance Army through development of a regional strategy to support multilateral efforts to successfully protect civilians and eliminate the threat posed by the Lord's Resistance Army and to authorize funds for humanitarian relief and reconstruction, reconciliation, and transitional justice, and for other purposes.

S. 1389

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1389, a bill to clarify the exemption for certain annuity contracts and insurance policies from Federal regulation under the Securities Act of 1933.

S. 1524

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. JOHANNIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1524, a bill to strengthen the capacity, transparency, and accountability of United States foreign assistance programs to effectively adapt and respond to new challenges of the 21st century, and for other purposes.

S. 1589

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the names of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND) and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. BURRIS) were added as cosponsors of S. 1589, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the incentives for the production of biodiesel.

S. 1790

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1790, a bill to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend that Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1859

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1859, a bill to reinstate Federal matching of State spending of child support incentive payments.

S. 1932

At the request of Mr. BENNETT, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mrs. MCCASKILL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1932, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to allow members of the Armed Forces who served on active duty on or after September 11, 2001, to be eligible to participate in the Troops-to-Teachers Program, and for other purposes.

S. 2776

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2776, a bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to create the right business environment for doubling production of clean nuclear energy and other clean energy and to create mini-Manhattan projects for clean energy research and development.

S. 2777

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2777, a bill to repeal the American Recovery Capital loan program of the Small Business Administration.

S. 2833

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. BURRIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2833, a bill to provide adjusted Federal medical assistance percentage rates during a transitional assistance period.

S. 2843

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2843, a bill to provide for a program of

research, development, demonstration, and commercial application in vehicle technologies at the Department of Energy.

S. 2852

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2852, a bill to establish, within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, an integrated and comprehensive ocean, coastal, Great Lakes, and atmospheric research, prediction, and environmental information program to support renewable energy.

S. 2869

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN), the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) and the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2869, a bill to increase loan limits for small business concerns, to provide for low interest refinancing for small business concerns, and for other purposes.

S. CON. RES. 20

At the request of Mr. BYRD, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 20, a concurrent resolution authorizing the last surviving veteran of the First World War to lie in honor in the rotunda of the Capitol upon his death.

AMENDMENT NO. 2790

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the names of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA), the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) and the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 2790 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3590, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the first-time homebuyers credit in the case of members of the Armed Forces and certain other Federal employees, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2827

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. UDALL) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2827 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3590, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the first-time homebuyers credit in the case of members of the Armed Forces and certain other Federal employees, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2878

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) and the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 2878 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3590, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the first-time homebuyers credit in the case of members of the Armed Forces and certain other Federal employees, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2879

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin