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# MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

## ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

Under the authority of the Senate of January 6, 2009, the Secretary of the Senate, on March 6, 2009, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker had signed the following enrolled joint resolution:

H.J. Res. 38. An act making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2009, and for other purposes.

Under the authority of the Senate of January 6, 2009, the enrolled joint resolution was signed on March 6, 2009, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

## MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:11 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Zapata, 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. 1106. An act to prevent mortgage foreclosures and enhance mortgage credit availability.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 2 of the Migratory Bird Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 715a) and the order of the House of January 6, 2009, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission: Mr. DINGELL of Michigan and Mr. WITTMAN of Virginia.

## MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

S. 542. A bill to repeal the provision of law that provides automatic pay adjustments for Members of Congress.

## 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-911. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act that occurred within the U.S. Army Information Technology Agency, and has been assigned case number 08-01; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-912. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the adverse health events of exposure to depleted uranium munitions; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-913. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel for Operations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination, discontinuation of service in acting role, and action on a nomination in the position of Secretary, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 4, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-914. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel for Operations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, (11) reports relative to vacancy announcements and designated acting officer notifications within the Department, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 5, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-915. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of the Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Civil Money Penalties: Certain Prohibited Conduct; Technical Correction" (RIN2501-AD23) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 5, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-916. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the disclosure of financial interest and recusal requirements; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-917. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the increase of the maximum award ceiling for U.S. Department of Energy Biomass Technology Specific Super Energy Savings Performance Contracts; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-918. A communication from the Acting Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the status of all extensions granted by Congress regarding the requirements of Section 13 of the Federal Power Act; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-919. A communication from the Chief Human Capital Officer, Corporation for National and Community Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and designation of acting officer for the position of Chief Financial Officer, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 4, 2009; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-920. A communication from the Acting Director, Legislative and Regulatory Department, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits" (29 CFR Part 4022) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 5, 2009; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-921. A communication from the Associate Legal Counsel, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy for the position of General Counsel, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 5, 2009; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN, from the Select Committee on Intelligence:

Special Report entitled "Report of the Select Select Committee on Intelligence for the 110th Congress" (Rept. No. 111-6).

## 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. ENZI (for himself and Mr. BARRASSO):

S. 544. A bill for the relief of Ashley Ross Fuller; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. AKAKA, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. CARPER):

S. 545. A bill to develop capacity and infrastructure for mentoring programs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. REID:

S. 546. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service of Combat-Related Special Compensation; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. CASEY, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 547. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to reduce the costs of prescription drugs for enrollees of Medicaid managed care organizations by extending the discounts offered under fee-for-service Medicaid to such organizations; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 548. A bill to amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to establish a Federal energy efficiency resource standard for retail electricity and natural gas distributors, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BURRIS:

S. 549. A bill for the relief of Simeon Simeonov, Stela Simeonova, Stoyan Simeonov, and Vania Simeonova; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BURRIS:

S. 550. A bill for the relief of Francisca Lino; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. VITTER, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 551. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt certain shipping from the harbor maintenance tax; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 552. A bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to encourage owners and operators of privately held farm, ranch, and forest land to voluntarily make their land available for access by the public for maple-tapping activities under programs administered by States and tribal governments; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR:

S. 553. A bill to revise the authorized route of the North Country National Scenic Trail in northeastern Minnesota to include existing hiking trails along Lake Superior's north shore and in Superior National Forest and

Chippewa National Forest, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mrs. HUTCHISON):

S. 554. A bill to improve the safety of motorcoaches, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

## SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. REED, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. Res. 69. A resolution designating March 2009 as "National Reading Month" and authorizing the collection of nonmonetary book donations in Senate office buildings during the period beginning March 9, 2009 and ending March 27, 2009 from Senators and officers and employees of the Senate to assist elementary school students in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. VOINOVICH, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. Res. 70. A resolution congratulating the people of the Republic of Lithuania on the 1000th anniversary of Lithuania and celebrating the rich history of Lithuania; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. SNOWE, and Mr. BROWNBARK):

S. Res. 71. A resolution condemning the Government of Iran for its state-sponsored persecution of the Baha'i minority in Iran and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. LUGAR, and Mr. DODD):

S. Con. Res. 10. A concurrent resolution congratulating the Sailors of the United States Submarine Force upon the completion of 1,000 Ohio-class ballistic missile submarine (SSBN) deterrent patrols; considered and agreed to.

## ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 132

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 132, a bill to increase and enhance law enforcement resources committed to investigation and prosecution of violent gangs, to deter and punish violent gang crime, to protect law-abiding citizens and communities from violent criminals, to revise and enhance criminal penalties for violent crimes, to expand and improve gang prevention programs, and for other purposes.

S. 277

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 277, a bill to amend the National and Community Service Act of 1990 to expand and improve opportunities for service, and for other purposes.

S. 307

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from Alaska (Mr.

BEGICH) and the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISC) were added as cosponsors of S. 307, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide flexibility in the manner in which beds are counted for purposes of determining whether a hospital may be designated as a critical access hospital under the Medicare program and to exempt from the critical access hospital inpatient bed limitation the number of beds provided for certain veterans.

S. 388

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. KAUFMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 388, a bill to extend the termination date for the exemption of returning workers from the numerical limitations for temporary workers.

S. 423

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the names of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 423, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize advance appropriations for certain medical care accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs by providing two-fiscal year budget authority, and for other purposes.

S. 435

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 435, a bill to provide for evidence-based and promising practices related to juvenile delinquency and criminal street gang activity prevention and intervention to help build individual, family, and community strength and resiliency to ensure that youth lead productive, safe, health, gang-free, and law-abiding lives.

S. 450

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 450, a bill to understand and comprehensively address the oral health problems associated with methamphetamine use.

S. 462

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 462, a bill to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to prohibit the importation, exportation, transportation, and sale, receipt, acquisition, or purchase in interstate or foreign commerce, of any live animal of any prohibited wildlife species, and for other purposes.

S. 475

At the request of Mr. BURR, the names of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) and the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER) were added as cosponsors of S. 475, a bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to guarantee the equity of spouses of military personnel with regard to matters of residency, and for other purposes.

S. 482

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 482, a bill to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form.

S. 486

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 486, a bill to achieve access to comprehensive primary health care services for all Americans and to reform the organization of primary care delivery through an expansion of the Community Health Center and National Health Service Corps programs.

S. 487

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) were added as cosponsors of S. 487, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for human embryonic stem cell research.

S. 527

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the names of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) and the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) were added as cosponsors of S. 527, a bill to amend the Clean Air act to prohibit the issuance of permits under title V of that Act for certain emissions from agricultural production.

S. 542

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 542, a bill to repeal the provision of law that provides automatic pay adjustments for Members of Congress.

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 542, *supra*.

S.J. RES. 7

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 7, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to the election of Senators.

S. CON. RES. 4

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the names of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND), the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISC), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) and the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 4, a concurrent resolution calling on the President and the allies of the United States to raise the case of Robert Levinson with officials of the Government of Iran at every level and opportunity, and urging officials of the Government of Iran to fulfill their promises of assistance to the family of Robert Levinson and to share information on the investigation into the disappearance of Robert Levinson with the Federal Bureau of Investigation.