

Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 194, after line 23, add the following:

SEC. 132. (a) The project description in item 3730 under section 1702 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (Public Law 109-59) is amended by adding at the end the following: “(to include the Montgomery Outer Loop)”.

(b) The project description in item 16 under section 1934(c) of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (Public Law 109-59) is amended by adding at the end the following: “(to include the Montgomery Outer Loop)”.

SA 2368. Ms. KLOBUCHAR submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 3288, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 215, between lines 2 and 3, insert the following:

SEC. 156. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, amounts made available for the Rail Line Relocation and Improvement Program under title I of division I of the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009 (Public Law 111-8; 123 Stat. 935) and directed to “Phase 3 Rail Rehabilitation in Redwood Falls, MN” in the explanatory statement appearing on page H2472 of the Congressional Record shall be available for obligation and expenditure for “Minnesota Valley Regional Rail Authority, MN.”.

SA 2369. Mrs. SHAHEEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 3288, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 223, between lines 22 and 23, insert the following:

SEC. 172. (a) Title I of Public Law 106-346 is amended, under the heading “Capital Investment Grants”, by inserting “and Manchester” after “Nashua”.

(b) Title I of Public Law 107-87 is amended, under the heading “Capital Investment Grants”, by inserting “and Manchester” after “Nashua”.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 14, 2009, at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing entitled “Cyber Attacks: Protecting Industry Against Growing Threats.”

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-LA CROSSE

Mr. MERKLEY. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Judiciary Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 258 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 258) commemorating the 100th anniversary of the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. MERKLEY. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate, and any statements related to the resolution be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 258) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 258

Whereas La Crosse is located on the western border of middle-Wisconsin, on the east side of the Mississippi River;

Whereas the first Europeans to see the site of La Crosse were French fur traders who traveled the Mississippi River in the late 17th century;

Whereas La Crosse was incorporated as a city in 1856;

Whereas Thomas Morris sponsored a bill in the Wisconsin State Senate that led to the creation of the current-day University of Wisconsin-La Crosse;

Whereas the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse was founded in 1909 as the La Crosse State Normal School for the purpose of teacher preparation;

Whereas the philosophy of Fasset A. Cotton, the university's first president, was to train the whole person;

Whereas “mens corpusque”, Latin for “mind and body”, is the motto on the university seal;

Whereas the college changed its name to Wisconsin State College-La Crosse in 1951 when the Wisconsin State teachers colleges began awarding baccalaureate degrees in liberal arts;

Whereas the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse offers 88 undergraduate programs in 44 disciplines and 26 graduate programs;

Whereas the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse celebrated its 50th anniversary in 1959, the same year that presidential candidate John F. Kennedy visited the campus and spoke to the student body in Graff Main Hall auditorium;

Whereas U.S. News & World Report ranked the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse second among midwestern public universities offering bachelor's and master's degrees;

Whereas the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse men's athletic teams adopted the nickname “Eagles” in the fall of 1989, and the women's teams adopted that nickname a year later;

Whereas the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse athletic teams have won 59 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III titles in 9 different sports; and

Whereas 2009 marks the 100th anniversary of the founding of the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) commemorates the 100th anniversary of the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse; and

(2) commends the university for its status as a leading public university that excels in academics, athletics, and quality of life for students.

HONORING SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FIREFIGHTERS

Mr. MERKLEY. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 265, submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 265) honoring the firefighters who sacrificed their lives while battling the Station Fire in southern California in August 2009.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. MERKLEY. I ask unanimous consent the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate, and any statements be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 265) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 265

Whereas in late August 2009, the Angeles National Forest and neighboring communities north of Los Angeles, California were engulfed by an intense wildfire, which came to be known as the “Station Fire”;

Whereas the Station Fire, ignited by arson on August 26, 2009, burned more than 160,000 acres of public lands and private property in Los Angeles County and the Angeles National Forest, including more than 160 structures and homes;

Whereas as of September 9, 2009, the Station Fire was the 10th largest wildfire in modern California history, and the largest wildfire in the modern history of Los Angeles County;

Whereas as of September 9, 2009, the Station Fire continued to threaten 12,000 structures in the National Forest and nearby communities such as Acton, Altadena, Glendale, La Cañada Flintridge, La Crescenta, Pasadena, Littlerock, Sunland, and Tujunga;

Whereas more than 8,000 fire personnel and 800 fire engines and approximately 40 helicopters, 13 fixed winged aircraft, and 88 water tenders were deployed statewide to assist with firefighting efforts;

Whereas the extraordinary effort made by firefighters throughout the region contributed to the preservation of the historic Mount Wilson Observatory, a national landmark for astronomical research;

Whereas Fire Captain Tedmund D. “Ted” Hall, aged 47, and Firefighter Specialist Arnaldo “Arnie” Quinones, aged 34, lost their lives in the line of duty fighting the Station Fire;

Whereas Tedmund D. Hall joined the Los Angeles County Fire Department on April 22, 1981;

Whereas during his time in the Los Angeles County Fire Department, Tedmund D. Hall served the city of Lakewood, the city of Whittier, the city of La Puente, and the Department's command and control team;

Whereas in January 2001, Tedmund D. Hall was promoted to fire captain;

Whereas Tedmund D. Hall is survived by his wife, Katherine, sons Randall and Steven, and parents, Roland Ray and Donna Marie Hall;

Whereas Arnaldo Quinones joined the Los Angeles County Fire Department on August 6, 1998;

Whereas during his time in the Los Angeles County Fire Department, Arnaldo Quinones served the city of Palmdale, the city of Covina, and the city of La Cañada Flintridge;

Whereas in December 2005, Arnaldo Quinones was promoted to firefighter specialist; and

Whereas Arnaldo Quinones is survived by his wife, Loressa, who is expecting their first child, and his mother Sonia Quinones: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) expresses its heartfelt condolences to the families, fellow firefighters, and friends of Tedmund D. Hall and Arnaldo Quinones;

(2) recognizes the noble and brave service that firefighters provide to every community in the United States; and

(3) honors Tedmund D. Hall and Arnaldo Quinones for the sacrifices they made in giving their lives to protect Californians from the Station Fire.

APPOINTMENT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 14 U.S.C. 194(a), as amended by Public Law 101-595, and upon the recommendation of the Chairman of the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation, appoints the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy: the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER), ex officio, as Chairman of the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation; and the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL), Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation.

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2009

Mr. MERKLEY. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. tomorrow, Tuesday, September 15; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and there then be a period of morning business for 1 hour, with the time equally divided and controlled between the two leaders or their designees, with the majority controlling the first half and the Republicans controlling the second half, with Senators permitted to speak

for up to 10 minutes each; that following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of Calendar No. 153, H.R. 3288, Transportation HUD appropriations; and finally, I ask the Senate recess from 12:30 until 2:15 p.m. to allow for the weekly caucus luncheons.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. MERKLEY. Madam President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent it adjourn under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:34 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, September 15, 2009, at 10 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

ERIC L. HIRSCHHORN, OF MARYLAND, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF COMMERCE FOR EXPORT ADMINISTRATION, VICE MARIO MANCUSO, RESIGNED.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

BARBARA J. BENNETT, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, VICE LYONS GRAY, RESIGNED.

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

BARBARA SHORT HASKEW, OF TENNESSEE, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY FOR A TERM EXPIRING MAY 18, 2014, VICE DONALD R. DEPRIEST, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

JEFFREY L. BLEICH, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO AUSTRALIA.

LESLIE V. ROWE, OF WASHINGTON, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE.

MICHAEL W. PUNKE, OF MONTANA, TO BE A DEPUTY UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE, WITH THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR, VICE PETER F. ALLGEIER, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

LAURIE O. ROBINSON, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, VICE JEFFREY LEIGH SEDGWICK, RESIGNED.

THE JUDICIARY

BARBARA MILANO KEENAN, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT, VICE H. EMORY WIDENER, JR., RETIRED.

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be brigadier general

COL. DAVID J. CONBOY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be brigadier general

COL. JAMES V. YOUNG, JR.

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be brigadier general

COL. IVAN N. BLACK

IN THE MARINE CORPS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT AS COMMANDER, MARINE FORCES RESERVE, AND APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 601 AND 5144:

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. JOHN F. KELLY

IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be rear admiral

REAR ADM. (LH) GREGORY J. SMITH

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be lieutenant colonel

THOMAS M. ANDERSON

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be major

RICKY B. REAVES

THE FOLLOWING NAMED INDIVIDUAL FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE REGULAR AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 531(A):

To be major

JOSE R. PEREZTORRES

THE FOLLOWING NAMED INDIVIDUALS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADES INDICATED IN THE REGULAR AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 531(A):

To be lieutenant colonel

LOYD A. GRAHAM
JOHN T. LINNETT
NINO A. VIDIC

To be major

VIRGINIA L. HAYS
KRISTINE R. SAUNDERS
BRETT A. SESHUL
CHRISTINE E. STAHL

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624:

To be lieutenant colonel

SONNIE D. DEYAMPERT

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY MEDICAL CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624 AND 3064:

To be colonel

DOUGLAS LOUGE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED INDIVIDUAL FOR REGULAR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY, CHAPLAINS, UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 531 AND 3064:

To be major

JAMES PEAK

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR REGULAR ARMY APPOINTMENT IN THE GRADES INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 531:

To be lieutenant colonel

JOYVETTA LEWIS
DARRIN W. OLINGER

To be major

JOSEPH C. GUIDO
JEFFREY M. HUSTON
STUART A. LUTTRELL
JAE H. OH
LEONARDO D. REEDER
JAMES D. RYE
STEVEN A. SABO
AARON J. WIGGINS
CHRIS A. WOODY
WILLIAM A. WYMAN

IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR REGULAR APPOINTMENT IN THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 531 AND 5582:

To be lieutenant commander

BRIAN J. ELLIS
MARY B. POHANKA
GREGORY W. SAYBOLT
MATTHEW L. TUCKER

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE GRADES INDICATED IN THE REGULAR NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 531:

To be captain

ANTHONY T. COWDEN
JAMES P. MURRAY
PHILIP E. OLD

To be commander

MAURICE A. FISCHER
CYNTHIA S. SIKORSKI

To be lieutenant commander

JAMES L. BARR
STEVEN A. DILIBERTO
MILL ETIENNE
KHOA H. NGUYEN
STEPHEN T. PADHI
SEAN T. RICKS
JARED E. SCOTT