

transitioned from peace to war. General Renuart was soon providing operational orchestration for the invasions of Afghanistan and Iraq as our armed forces quickly eliminated those repressive regimes.

In March 2007, General Renuart was promoted to the rank of four-star general and appointed Commander of the North American Aerospace Defense Command and U.S. Northern Command. The general and his command were given the no-fail responsibility of protecting the United States and Canada against all threats in the air and on the seas, while leading the Department of Defense's support of civil authorities to save lives during both natural and manmade disasters.

With General Renuart's leadership, NORAD and USNORTHCOM widened its focus to anticipate threats to the United States and respond where necessary. The significant improvements of the unified national response to Hurricane Ike were born from the lessons learned from Hurricane Katrina and were a direct result of General Renuart's emphasis on anticipating our Nation's needs in times of disaster.

For this effort and many others, General Renuart and his team collaborated with over 120 mission partners representing Federal, State, and local governments, nongovernmental organizations, and private industry to quickly and responsibly execute key Department of Defense responsibilities in the National Response Framework.

He fostered synergy with the inter-agency community and collaborated with the militaries of Mexico and Canada to ensure North America's security. Whether expediting the transfer of helicopters and equipment to the Mexican military for counternarcotic operations or partnering with our northern neighbors under the Canada-United States Civil Assistance Plan to support the 2010 Olympic Games in Vancouver, General Renuart set and achieved tremendous goals for theater security cooperation.

Working together to defend the homeland, NORAD and USNORTHCOM have delivered unparalleled security for our Nation. Not only did NORAD achieve a huge milestone—surpassing 55,000 accident-free sorties flown defending our homeland under Operation NOBLE EAGLE—but more importantly, there has not been a single successful foreign terrorist attack on American soil. That success has been the result of the extraordinary diligence, cooperation, and dedication that have exemplified General Renuart's leadership.

On behalf of Congress and the United States of America, I thank General Renuart, Jill, Ryan, and Andrew for their commitment, sacrifice, and contributions to this great Nation. I am also especially pleased to say that General Renuart and Jill will be calling Colorado Springs home for many years to come. We Coloradans are honored to have them as neighbors and friends. I

congratulate him on a truly remarkable career and wish him nothing but the best as he transitions from decades of service into his truly well-earned retirement.●

REPORT ON THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY THAT WAS ORIGINALLY DECLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 13047 OF MAY 20, 1997, WITH RESPECT TO BURMA—PM 56

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. I have sent the enclosed notice to the *Federal Register* for publication, stating that the Burma emergency is to continue in effect beyond May 20, 2010.

The crisis between the United States and Burma arising from the actions and policies of the Government of Burma, including its engaging in large-scale repression of the democratic opposition in Burma, that led to the declaration of a national emergency in Executive Order 13047 of May 20, 1997, as modified in scope and relied upon for additional steps taken in Executive Order 13310 of July 28, 2003, Executive Order 13448 of October 18, 2007, and Executive Order 13464 of April 30, 2008, has not been resolved. These actions and policies are hostile to U.S. interests and pose a continuing unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. For this reason, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency with respect to Burma and maintain in force the sanctions against Burma to respond to this threat.

BARACK OBAMA.
THE WHITE HOUSE, May 13, 2010.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 11:41 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 1067. An act to support the 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 humani-

tarian relief and reconstruction, reconciliation, and transitional justice, and for other purposes.

S. 3333. An act to extend the statutory license for secondary transmissions under title 17, United States Code, and for other purposes.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. INOUE, from the Committee on Appropriations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

H.R. 4899. A bill making emergency supplemental appropriations for disaster relief and summer jobs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 111-188).

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. BURR (for himself, Mr. AKAKA, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 3377. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the multifamily transitional housing loan program of the Department of Veterans Affairs by requiring the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to issue loans for the construction of, rehabilitation of, or acquisition of land for multifamily transitional housing projects instead of guaranteeing loans for such purposes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. BINGAMAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. WYDEN, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. ENZI):

S. Res. 526. A resolution designating May 16 through May 22, 2010, as "National Search and Rescue Week"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. CHAMBLISS):

S. Res. 527. A resolution supporting the designation of an appropriate date as "National Childhood Stroke Awareness Day"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. BURR, Mr. INOUE, Mr. BEGICH, and Mr. KERRY):

S. Res. 528. A resolution designating May 15, 2010, as "National MPS Awareness Day"; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mr. BURRIS, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. CASEY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. SCHUMER, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. Res. 529. A resolution celebrating the life and achievements of Lena Mary Calhoun Horne and honoring her for her triumphs against racial discrimination and her steadfast commitment to the civil rights of all people; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. KERRY, Mr. BEGICH, Mr.

DODD, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. CRAPO):

S. Res. 530. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of "National Women's Health Week 2010", and for other purposes; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. BROWN of Ohio):

S. Res. 531. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Hepatitis Awareness Month and World Hepatitis Day; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 354

At the request of Mr. WEBB, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 354, a bill to provide that 4 of the 12 weeks of parental leave made available to a Federal employee shall be paid leave, and for other purposes.

S. 1301

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1301, a bill to direct the Attorney General to make an annual grant to the A Child Is Missing Alert and Recovery Center to assist law enforcement agencies in the rapid recovery of missing children, and for other purposes.

S. 1445

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1445, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve the health of children and reduce the occurrence of sudden unexpected infant death and to enhance public health activities related to stillbirth.

S. 2749

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2749, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to improve access to nutritious meals for young children in child care.

S. 2768

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2768, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the National Transportation Safety Board for fiscal years 2011 and 2012, and for other purposes.

S. 3039

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3039, a bill to prevent drunk driving injuries and fatalities, and for other purposes.

S. 3058

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3058, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the special diabetes programs for Type I diabetes and Indians under that Act.

S. 3342

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Michigan

(Mr. LEVIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3342, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to establish a demonstration project to promote collaborations to improve school nutrition.

AMENDMENT NO. 3889

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. FRANKEN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3889 intended to be proposed to S. 3217, an original bill to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end "too big to fail", to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 3939

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3939 intended to be proposed to S. 3217, an original bill to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end "too big to fail", to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 3986

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3986 intended to be proposed to S. 3217, an original bill to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end "too big to fail", to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 4019

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) and the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 4019 proposed to S. 3217, an original bill to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end "too big to fail", to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices, and for other purposes.

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STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. BURR (for himself, Mr. AKAKA, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 3377. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the multifamily transitional housing loan program of the Department of Veterans Affairs by requiring the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to issue loans for the construction of, rehabilitation of, or acquisition of land for multifamily transitional housing projects instead of guaranteeing loans for such purposes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Mr. BURR. Mr. President, I rise today to offer legislation that would improve the Department of Veterans Affairs, VA, Multifamily Transitional Housing Loan program. This program, established in 1998 and supported with a \$48 million appropriation in 1999, was intended to encourage additional development of transitional housing units for homeless veterans. Despite the good intention, the program was viewed as too rigid by community providers who turned elsewhere for assistance. In fact, only one loan was ever guaranteed under the program until VA discontinued it 2 years ago. The legislation I am introducing today would modify the program to give it the flexibility that community providers say is needed. The bill is cost neutral, relying only on money that Congress already has appropriated.

According to VA more than 107,000 veterans are homeless on any given night, including an estimated 1,589 in my home state of North Carolina. Many veterans are considered homeless or at risk due to their poverty, lack of support systems, and poor living conditions.

Even though we have seen a decrease in the number of homeless veterans from previous years, there is still work to be done. Make no mistake; the goal is not only to end homelessness but provide sustainable solutions to prevent veterans from, again, falling through the cracks. One area that will continue to play an important role in keeping veterans off the streets is the provision of transitional housing units coupled with onsite supportive services.

There are a number of VA programs that encourage the development of transitional housing units for homeless veterans. One such program, as I previously mentioned, was established by Congress in 1998—the Multifamily Transitional Housing Loan Guarantee Program. It was designed to encourage lenders to make low-interest loans, backed by a VA guaranty, available to homeless providers for the acquisition, construction, and improvement of transitional housing units. One provider, the St. Leo Campus for Veterans in Chicago, IL, operated by Catholic Charities, availed themselves of a VA-backed housing loan. However, St. Leo's experience is illustrative of why no other provider was able to secure a