

whose children died while serving in the Armed Forces; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 5395. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 151 North Maitland Avenue in Maitland, Florida, as the "Paula Hawkins Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 5610. An act to provide a technical adjustment with respect to funding for independent living centers under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 in order to ensure stability for such centers; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

H. Con. Res. 284. Concurrent resolution recognizing the work and importance of special education teachers; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

H.R. 5552. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require that the payment of the manufacturers' excise tax on recreational equipment be paid quarterly and to provide for the assessment by the Secretary of the Treasury of certain criminal restitution.

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 2340. An act to resolve the claims of the Bering Straits Native Corporation and the State of Alaska to land adjacent to Salmon Lake in the State of Alaska and to provide for the conveyance to the Bering Straits Native Corporation of certain other public land in partial satisfaction of the land entitlement of the Corporation under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on July 1, 2010, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 3104. A bill to permanently authorize Radio Free Asia, and for other purposes.

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-6516. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Publication of Notification of Bundling of Contracts of the Department of Defense" (DFARS Case 2009-D033) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 1, 2010; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6517. A communication from the Acting Director, Acquisition Policy and Legislation Branch, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Homeland Security Acquisition Regulation; Lead System Integrators" (HSAR Case 2009-003) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the

President of the Senate on July 2, 2010; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6518. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Defense, transmitting legislative proposals relative to the National Defense Authorization Bill for Fiscal Year 2011; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6519. A communication from the Deputy Secretary, Division of Investment Management, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Political Contributions by Certain Investment Advisers" (RIN3235-AK39) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 1, 2010; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6520. A communication from the Assistant to the Board of Governors, Division of Consumer and Community Affairs, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Electronic Fund Transfers" ((Regulation E)(FRS Docket No. R-1343)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 2, 2010; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6521. A communication from the Assistant to the Board of Governors, Division of Consumer and Community Affairs, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Truth in Savings" ((Regulation DD)(FRS Docket No. R-1315)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 2, 2010; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6522. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report relative to the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 12938 with respect to the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6523. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Model 777-200LR and -300ER Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2010-0280)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 2, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6524. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the activities of the Economic Development Administration for fiscal year 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6525. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife Parks, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Regulations; Areas of the National Park System" (RIN1024-AD79) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 2, 2010; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6526. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, the Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Final Technical Report; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6527. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health

and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Identification of Backward Compatible Version of Adopted Standard for E-Prescribing and the Medicare Prescription Drug Program (NCDO SCRIPT 10.6)" (RIN0938-AB49) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 2, 2010; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6528. A communication from the Program Manager, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Child Support Enforcement Program; Intergovernmental Child Support" (RIN0970-AC37) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 2, 2010; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6529. A communication from the Secretary of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting a legislative proposal relative to amending the Internal Revenue Code for the purpose of extending the financing of the Superfund; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6530. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Schedule of Fees for Consular Services, Department of State and Overseas Embassies and Consulates" (RIN1400-AC57) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 2, 2010; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6531. 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 Turkey for the manufacture of and assembly of Day Night Thermal Sensors, Infrared Laser Detecting-Ranging Tracking Sets (AN/AAS-44T) and associated components common to both systems in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6532. A communication from the Principal Deputy 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 support the Proton launch of the Intelsat 22 Commercial Communication Satellite from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6533. 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 technical assistance agreement for the export of defense articles, including, technical data, and defense services to support the LITENING Advanced Targeting Pod program for the Netherlands in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6534. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report by the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator relative to a description of HIV/AIDS prevention interventions that could be components of a United States global HIV/AIDS strategy and their effectiveness; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6535. A joint communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs and the General Counsel, Department of

Treasury, transmitting proposed legislation relative to United States participation in, and appropriations for the United States contribution to, the Global Agriculture and Food Security Program, a multi-donor trust fund administered by the World Bank; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6536. A communication from the Surgeon General, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the National Prevention, Health Promotion and Public Health Council's 2010 annual status report; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6537. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, annual reports relative to the category rating system for the Department of Justice; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6538. A communication from the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, transmitting proposed legislation relative to amending chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code, to clarify Federal court jurisdiction over the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6539. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting proposed legislation entitled "Veterans Benefit Programs Improvement Act of 2010"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-124. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana urging Congress to pass the New Alternative Transportation to Give Americans Solutions Act of 2009 (H.R. 1835 and S. 1408); to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 14

To memorialize the United States Congress to take necessary actions to promptly consider and pass the New Alternative Transportation to Give Americans Solutions Act of 2009 (H.R. 1835 and S. 1408) and to urge each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation to express their support for the Act by becoming a cosponsor.

Whereas, located in Desoto Parish, Louisiana, the Haynesville Shale is the largest natural gas field in the continental United States; and

Whereas, the Haynesville Shale holds approximately two hundred and fifty-one trillion cubic feet of recoverable natural gas; and

Whereas, drilling and recovery technology allows natural gas to be utilized in an environmentally safe and economically viable manner; and

Whereas, domestic gas is the only resource that can replace imported gasoline and diesel as a transportation fuel; and

Whereas, Congress is currently considering the New Alternative Transportation to Give Americans Solutions (H.R. 1835 and S. 1408) which provides incentives to move cars and light trucks as well as heavy-duty trucks from imported gasoline or diesel to domestic natural gas and encourages development of engines that reduce emissions, improve performance and efficiency, and lower cost: Therefore be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana memorializes the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to

promptly consider and pass the New Alternative Transportation to Give Americans Solutions Act of 2009 (H.R. 1835 and S. 1408) and to urge each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation to express their support for the Act by becoming a cosponsor; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the secretary of the United States Senate and the clerk of the United States House of Representatives and to each member of the Louisiana delegation.

POM-125. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana urging Congress to consider recommendations to amend the Stafford Act regarding disaster recovery in Louisiana; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 96

To memorialize the Congress of the United States to consider recommendations to amend the Stafford Act regarding disaster recovery for Louisiana.

Whereas, the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina and subsequent national disasters has brought extensive criticism of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act ("Stafford Act") as an inadequate and ineffective legal standard for federal response to a national disaster that causes population displacement and significant damage to property and infrastructure, and that overwhelms the capacities of state and local governments to achieve recovery; and

Whereas, such criticism is in part a reaction to the provisions of the Stafford Act which do not require any action remotely approaching a comprehensive, centralized, and integrated disaster mitigation, response, and recovery program with massive resources that can only be provided by the federal government; and

Whereas, such criticism is in part a reaction to the provisions of the Stafford Act which delegate the responsibility for recovery to state governments and establish a bureaucratic process for state requests for federal assistance, which have led to confusion and inaction, with essential assistance delayed and in many instances pleas for help being ignored; and

Whereas, such criticism is in part a reaction to the provisions of the Stafford Act which create neither an individual right to assistance nor a process for governmental accountability, thereby leaving people with few avenues of legal recourse for disaster relief; and

Whereas, such criticism is in part a reaction to provisions in the Stafford Act that do not address the specific material and humanitarian needs of people struggling to restore their lives and communities; and

Whereas, the Katrina Citizens Leadership Corps ("KCLC") has embarked on a course of developing policy recommendations for amending the Stafford Act to achieve effective disaster mitigation, response, and recovery; and

Whereas, the KCLC report, What It Takes to Rebuild a Village after a Disaster: Stories from Internally Displaced Children and Families of Hurricane Katrina (July 2007), presents the recommendations for a national disaster standard that support the fair and equitable restoration of lives and communities harmed by a national disaster; and

Whereas, the KCLC, U.S. Conference of Mayors, United States Senate Homeland Security Committee, and Internal Displacement Project of Brookings Institution make recommendations that can support unified work to improve the current legal standard for addressing the country's response to a national disaster: Therefore be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the Congress of the United States to consider recommendations to amend the Stafford Act regarding disaster recovery in Louisiana; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the secretary of the United States Senate and the clerk of the United States House of Representatives and to each member of the Louisiana delegation to the United States Congress.

POM-126. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana urging Congress to remove the financial eligibility requirements for patients stricken with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis to be approved to receive Medicaid; to the Committee on Finance.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 23

To memorialize the Congress of the United States to remove the financial eligibility requirements for patients stricken with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis to be approved to receive Medicaid.

Whereas, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, or ALS, is better known as "Lou Gehrig's disease"; and

Whereas, ALS is a fatal neurodegenerative disease characterized by degeneration of cell bodies of the lower motor neurons in the gray matter of the anterior horns of the spinal cord; and

Whereas, the initial symptom of ALS is weakness of skeletal muscles, especially those of the extremities; and

Whereas, as ALS progresses, the patient experiences difficulty in swallowing, talking, and breathing; and

Whereas, ALS eventually causes muscles to atrophy, and the patient becomes a functional quadriplegic; and

Whereas, research indicates that military veterans are at a fifty percent greater risk of developing ALS than those who have not served in the military; and

Whereas, ALS does not affect a patient's mental capacity, so that the patient remains alert and aware of his loss of motor functions and the inevitable outcome of continued deterioration and death; and

Whereas, on average, patients diagnosed with ALS only survive two to five years from the time of diagnosis; and

Whereas, ALS has no known cause, means of prevention, or cure; and

Whereas, there can be significant costs for medical care, equipment, and home health caregiving later in the disease; and

Whereas, many families deplete their life savings attempting to pay for the care of their loved ones; and

Whereas, the financial burden associated with ALS for American families is enormous: Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana memorializes the Congress of the United States to remove the financial eligibility requirements for patients stricken with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis to be approved to receive Medicaid; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the secretary of the United States Senate and the clerk of the United States House of Representatives and to each member of the Louisiana delegation to the United States Congress.

POM-127. A joint resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Colorado recognizing the bravery and sacrifice of the crew of the U.S.S. Pueblo and designating January 23rd each year as "U.S.S. Pueblo Day"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 10-1007

Whereas, The U.S.S. Pueblo was originally launched as a United States Army cargo ship