

and vice chairman to conduct the daily operations of the committee. This includes, but is not limited to, hiring staff, issuing administrative orders, ensuring compliance with those orders, communicating with counsel for the parties, determining a course of proceeding, and for any other purposes necessary for the committee to discharge its responsibilities and address any other administrative or procedural matters.

The third rule delegates to the chairman, in consultation with the vice chairman, the committee's authority to issue subpoenas for witnesses called to testify or produce documents during all committee proceedings. Senate impeachment rule XI grants to the Impeachment Trial Committee the power granted by Senate impeachment rule VI to the Senate "to compel the attendance of witnesses."

The fourth rule, adopted pursuant to rule 26.7(a)(2) of the Standing Rules of the Senate, reduces to one member the committee quorum for taking sworn pretrial testimony. Judge Porteous has asked to examine certain witnesses in advance of the committee's evidentiary hearings, which will begin on September 13, 2010. Although the pretrial examination of witnesses in a Senate impeachment trial remains rare, the committee has concluded that it should, in the circumstances of the present impeachment, permit a limited number of them. The rule implements the committee's determination that pretrial examinations may proceed before a quorum of one member. As with prior impeachment proceedings, and pursuant to the rules of this committee, the evidentiary hearings will take place in the presence of a natural quorum of at least 7 of its 12 members.

I ask unanimous consent to have those rules printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

RULE 1—DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

The Chairman and Vice Chairman are delegated the authority to communicate as necessary with House counsel and counsel to Judge Porteous, for the purpose of determining a course of proceeding, pretrial and trial scheduling, and for any other purposes necessary for the Committee to discharge its responsibilities. The Chairman and Vice Chairman are further delegated the authority to address any other administrative or procedural matters necessary for the Committee to discharge its responsibilities.

RULE 2—QUORUM FOR RECEIVING EVIDENCE

A natural number of seven members shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of receiving evidence.

RULE 3—SUBPOENAS

The Chairman and Vice Chairman are delegated the authority to issue subpoenas on behalf of the Committee.

RULE 4—QUORUM FOR THE TAKING OF PRETRIAL TESTIMONY

One member shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of a pretrial examination of a witness at which sworn testimony is heard and evidence taken.

HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

CAPTAIN DAVID A. WISNIEWSKI

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I rise to pay tribute to a brave and patriotic son of Iowa who gave his life for his country, CPT David Anthony Wisniewski. He graduated from Woodbury Central High School in Moline, IA, before attending the Air Force Academy. It had been his dream to be an Air Force pilot since visiting Offutt Air Force Base as a young child and he died doing what he loved. By all accounts, David Wisniewski was a remarkable man and his numerous accomplishments include the saving of many lives during his several tours of duty in support of the global war on terrorism. In reference to the reason for his service, I understand that he would end letters to his parents with the reminder that, "I do this so you can sleep safe at night." That is an excellent reminder for all of us to never take for granted the tremendous cost of our freedom. I find that words fail me in trying to describe the debt of gratitude we owe to the courageous and selfless Americans like Captain Wisniewski. We can never begin to repay the debt, but we can honor it by honoring David's memory and by fully appreciating our way of life and the sacrifices made to preserve it. Of course, his loss will be felt very deeply by his parents, Chet and Beverly Wisniewski, and all his family and friends. My prayers go out to them in this difficult time. They are no doubt very proud of their son, and all Iowans can be proud to call him one of our own.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO LENA ARCHULETA

• Mr. BENNET. Mr. President, I would like to recognize a treasured Coloradan, Mrs. Lena Archuleta, a champion of Hispanic rights who is celebrating her 90th birthday this year. Lena represents the true spirit of commitment to the greater good. Her dedication to education and public service demonstrates the change that we can inspire through hard work, sympathy, and kindness.

Lena was born in Raton, NM, in 1920. She was awarded a scholarship at the University of Denver where she studied Spanish and education and later received a master's in library science. In 1951, she joined the Denver Public Schools' Department of Library Services where she maintained her belief that a high-quality education should be accessible to all students regardless of gender, race, or nationality. This belief led Lena to work with the Denver Public Schools' Federal Project to promote and jumpstart programs for bilingual education. In 1974, she used her vast experience in the education field to become the principal at Fairview Elementary and the first Hispanic prin-

cipal in Denver public schools' history. In addition to this honor, she later became the first Hispanic woman appointed to a central administrative position. Mrs. Archuleta dedicated and accumulated 17 years to New Mexico and Colorado classrooms, as well as 14 years as a school administrator.

While I am pleased to have the honor of recognizing Mrs. Archuleta and her great accomplishments, this is not the first time her dedication and commitment to serving others has been recognized and I doubt that it will be the last. In 1963 the Latin American Educational Foundation appointed her to be the first woman to serve as president of its board of directors. In 1986, she was inducted into the Colorado Women's Hall of Fame as the first Hispanic inductee. In addition to these and other honors, both regional and national, Denver's Lena Lovato Archuleta Elementary School was named after her in 2002. This was perhaps, the most fitting of all of her honors as this elementary school nurtures the same environment of discovery and lifelong learning that Mrs. Archuleta herself created and passed along to fellow educators, students, and community members. Truly representative of her spirit and life's work, Mrs. Archuleta didn't merely accept the honor, she went on to raise \$20,000 for the school's library.

Mrs. Lena Archuleta continues to recognize and nurture the skills of her students and those around her. Through continued volunteer work with organizations such as the AARP in Colorado, she inspires others to achieve their goals using entrepreneurship, dedication, and compassion. Working in schools, Lena has inspired many of us through her example. She has shown Coloradans that with humility, devotion, and empathy we can improve the lives of others. For these reasons, today, we recognize Mrs. Lena Archuleta.●

TRIBUTE TO THE REVEREND HARRY BLAKE

• Ms. LANDRIEU. Mr. President, I wish to recognize the career of Reverend Harry Blake, pastor of Mount Canaan Baptist Church of Shreveport, LA. After 15 years as the president of the Louisiana Missionary Baptist State Convention, Reverend Blake is retiring. He has been a friend and outstanding leader for many years.

Pastor of Mount Canaan Baptist Church for almost 44 years, Reverend Blake has also served in various capacities for a number of local and national organizations. Most recently, he was appointed vice president for the Southwest Region of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., having previously served as general secretary. He has also held prominent roles in the Thirteenth District Baptist Association, and within the Louisiana Baptist State Convention, he has served on the Congress of Christian Education and the Evangelical Board.

Locally, he is involved with the Louisiana Recovery Authority Board and numerous community development initiatives, such as Grace Project Incorporated, Project UpLift, Mount Canaan Day Care Center, and Shreveport-Bossier Community Renewal. Additionally, he has served as president of the Board of Directors for both Canaan Village Apartments and Canaan Towers, dedicating himself to serving low-income, elderly, and handicapped housing needs.

In addition to these myriad roles in the local, State, and national communities, Reverend Blake has graciously played the role of educator, having lectured at Morehouse School of Divinity, Arkansas Baptist College, Leland College, Wiley College, Bishop College, L.K. Williams Ministers Institute, American Baptist College, Birmingham Bible College, United Theological Seminary, and Union Theological Seminary. Many have been inspired by his counsel and leadership for many years.

Reverend Blake's innovations within his own church should also be commended. By including various ministries as well as tutoring programs at Mount Canaan Baptist Church, Reverend Blake has developed a model prayer service which has been emulated throughout the country.

Finally, and perhaps most importantly, Reverend Blake has played the role of dedicated husband, father, and grandfather, raising his four children, Elizabeth, Harry II, Rodney, and Monica, with his wife Norma Jean and taking an active role in the lives of his 15 grandchildren.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Reverend Harry Blake on his distinguished 15 years of service to the Louisiana Missionary Baptist State Convention and in wishing him the best for years to come.●

REMEMBERING NICK BACON

● Mrs. LINCOLN. Mr. President, today I honor a true Arkansas and American hero, 1SG Nick Bacon, who passed away this weekend. First Sergeant Bacon, 64, was a Medal of Honor recipient and former director of the Arkansas Department of Veterans Affairs. He served in the U.S. Army from 1963 to 1984 and was awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions during a 1968 battle in Vietnam, along with countless awards and decorations including two Distinguished Service Crosses, the Legion of Merit, the Combat Infantry Badge, the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry, the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart.

With his passing, Arkansas has lost one of its finest citizens, and his death is a tremendous loss to our State. First Sergeant Bacon served our State and Nation honorably, fighting valiantly in Vietnam. He took command of two platoons after the leaders of each were wounded during a battle near Tam Ky, Vietnam, on Aug. 26, 1968. Using grenades, he destroyed an enemy bunker before singlehandedly killing an enemy

gun crew and disabling an antitank weapon. He then helped rescue several wounded and trapped soldiers.

After 20 years of military service, he returned to Arkansas to serve his fellow veterans as the director of Veterans Affairs for the State from 1993 through 2005. It was an honor to be able to work with him serving the State of Arkansas. As director of the Arkansas Department of Veterans Affairs, he helped establish the Arkansas State Veterans Cemetery and the Arkansas Veterans Coalition. He was also active in establishing a Veterans Cemetery Beautification Program. In addition, First Sergeant Bacon served as Commander, American Legion Post 1, Little Rock, after retiring as the director of the Arkansas Department of Veterans Affairs.

First Sergeant Bacon was a true "Arkansas son," born Nov. 25, 1945, in Caraway in northeast Arkansas. He moved with his family as a child to Arizona, where he joined the Army, but he returned to Arkansas in 1990 and most recently lived in Rose Bud. First Sergeant Bacon's legacy will live on through projects such as the Nick Bacon VFW Special Veterans Scholarship for selected children and grandchildren of veterans who have a 60-percent or more service-connected disability.

Along with all Arkansans, I am grateful for First Sergeant Bacon's service and for the service and sacrifice of all of our military servicemembers and their families. These men and women have shown tremendous courage and perseverance through the most difficult of times. As neighbors, as Arkansans, and as Americans, it is incumbent upon us to do everything we can to honor their service and to provide for them and their families, not only when they are in harm's way but also when they return home. It is the least we can do for those whom we owe so much.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

REPORT RELATIVE TO THE FORMER LIBERIAN REGIME OF CHARLES TAYLOR AND ON THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY BLOCKING PROPERTY OF CERTAIN PERSONS AND PROHIBITING THE IMPORTATION OF CERTAIN GOODS FROM LIBERIA THAT WAS ESTABLISHED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 13348 ON JULY 22, 2004—PM 64

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. In accordance with this provision, I have sent the enclosed notice to the *Federal Register* for publication stating that the national emergency and related measures dealing with the former Liberian regime of Charles Taylor are to continue in effect beyond July 22, 2010.

The actions and policies of former Liberian President Charles Taylor and other persons, in particular their unlawful depletion of Liberian resources and their removal from Liberia and secreting of Liberian funds and property, continue to undermine Liberia's transition to democracy and the orderly development of its political, administrative, and economic institutions and resources. These actions and policies continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the foreign policy of the United States. For this reason, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency with respect to the former Liberian regime of Charles Taylor.

BARACK OBAMA.
THE WHITE HOUSE, July 19, 2010.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:30 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 bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 5114. An act to extend the authorization for the national flood insurance program, to identify priorities essential to reform and ongoing stable functioning of the program, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

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