

Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 4213. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. INOUE).

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 2693. An act to amend title VII of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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

H. Con. Res. 292. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Aerospace Week, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

S. 3628. A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit foreign influence in Federal elections, to prohibit government contractors from making expenditures with respect to such elections, and to establish additional disclosure requirements with respect to spending in such elections, and for other purposes.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 3643. A bill to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to reform the management of energy and mineral resources on the Outer Continental Shelf, to improve oil spill compensation, to terminate the moratorium on deepwater drilling, 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-6789. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Review Group, Commodity Credit Corporation, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Dairy Product Price Support Program and Dairy Indemnity Payment Program" (RIN0560-AH88) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 21, 2010; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6790. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Review Group, Commodity Credit Corporation, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Wheat and Oilseed Programs; Durum Wheat Quality Program" (RIN0560-AH72) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 21, 2010; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6791. A communication from the Chairman of the Board of Governors, Federal Re-

serve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's semiannual Monetary Policy Report to the Congress; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6792. A communication from the Deputy Assistant General Counsel, Office of Aviation Enforcement and Proceedings, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Posting of Flight Delay Data on Websites" (RIN2105-AE02) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 21, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6793. A communication from the Regulations Officer, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Procedures for Abatement of Highway Traffic Noise and Construction Noise" (RIN2125-AF26) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 21, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6794. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act Provisions; Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Skate Complex Fishery; Amendment 3" (RIN0648-AW30) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 21, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6795. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery; Framework Adjustment 21" (RIN0648-AY43) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 21, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6796. A communication from the Acting Director for Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States; Coastal Pelagic Species Fisheries; Closure" (RIN0648-XW90) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 21, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6797. A communication from the Acting Director for Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Suspension of the Primary Pacific Whiting Season for the Shore-based Sector South of 42 Degrees North Latitude" (RIN0648-XW80) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 21, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6798. 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 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2009-1249)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 21, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6799. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Re-Registration and Renewal of Aircraft Registration" ((RIN2120-AI89) (Docket No. FAA-2008-0188)) received in

the Office of the President of the Senate on July 21, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6800. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Certification of Aircraft and Airmen for the Operation of Light-Sport Aircraft; Modifications; OMB Approval of Information Collection" ((RIN2120-AJ10) (Docket No. FAA-2007-29015)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 21, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6801. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Applicable Federal Rates—August 2010" (Rev. Rul. 2010-19) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 21, 2010; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6802. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Preventive Services Under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act" ((RIN1545-BJ60) (TD 9493)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 21, 2010; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6803. A communication from the Chairman, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "2010 Data Book: Healthcare Spending and the Medicare Program"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6804. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Defense, transmitting a legislative proposal relative to authorizing the President to transfer certain naval vessels by grant; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6805. A communication from the General Counsel, Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulations Implementing the Freedom of Information Act" (29 CFR Part 2201) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 21, 2010; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6806. A communication from the Chief Privacy Officer, Privacy Office, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Privacy Office Third Quarter Fiscal Year 2010 Report to Congress"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6807. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Tribal-State Road Maintenance Agreements Report; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-6808. A communication from the Department of State, transmitting, a report on the Verification of the Treaty Between the United States of America and the Russian Federation on Measures for the Further Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms (The New START Treaty) (OSS Control No. 2010-1146) signed in April 8, 2010 in Prague; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6809. A communication from the Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the transfer of detainees (OSS Control No. 2010-1061); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6810. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the progress and status of compliance with

the privatization requirements of the National Capital Revitalization and Self-Government Improvement Act of 1997; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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-131. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Louisiana urging Congress to oppose the creation of a new consumer regulatory agency for FDIC insured institutions; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

SENATE RESOLUTION, No. 147

Whereas, H.R. 4173 and S. 3217 are sweepingly broad bills pending in conference in the United States Congress that would restructure the financial regulatory system; and

Whereas, both measures would create a new Consumer Financial Protection Agency/Bureau with overly broad powers that would have complete authority over Louisiana banks and thrifts with respect to writing future consumer regulations; and

Whereas, although improvements can and should be made to further protect consumers from unscrupulous practices, the creation of an enormous, new federal bureaucracy is the wrong approach because it will harm both Louisiana banks and their customers; and

Whereas, Louisiana banks and thrifts will be subject to greatly increased regulation and compliance costs, which will hamper their ability to effectively serve their customers' needs; and

Whereas, this increased regulatory burden will likely lead to increased costs of obtaining credit for consumers and overall less access to financial products and services; and

Whereas, the vast majority of FDIC insured institutions, especially Louisiana banks and thrifts, did not contribute to the financial crisis, yet would be subject to the broad jurisdiction of this proposed agency; and

Whereas, Louisiana banks and thrifts are already heavily regulated and examined on a regular basis for compliance with existing consumer laws and safety and soundness; and

Whereas, this new proposed agency, which has no experience as a bank regulator, would likely create a mountain of new regulation that is one sided in its focus without balancing bank safety and soundness considerations of the financial institution; and

Whereas, this will put Louisiana banks and thrifts in a position where they must try to comply with conflicting mandates that ultimately could put their businesses at risk; and

Whereas, creating another layer of bureaucracy in the banking industry also does not address the gaps in regulation that exist with respect to non-bank lenders; and

Whereas, the Obama administration itself has acknowledged that 94% of the high-cost mortgage loans that have so damaged our economy were made by non-bank financial companies; and

Whereas, with this in mind, Congress should concentrate on improving the supervision and examination of such non-bank institutions rather than adding to an already large regulatory compliance structure for banks and thrifts. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana memorializes the Congress of the United States to oppose the creation of a new consumer regulatory agency for FDIC insured institutions. 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-132. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Louisiana urging the federal government to explore creating a federal entity to oversee and enforce federal, state, and local safety regulations on all deep-water drilling rigs; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 136

Whereas, the safety of all individuals working on deep-water drilling rigs is paramount and a top priority; and

Whereas, after a tragedy like the Deep-water Horizon, governments at every level need to look at ways to incorporate new ideas and rules to prevent similar tragedies from happening again; and

Whereas, after the attacks on September 11, 2001, the federal government created the Transportation Security Administration and the office of law enforcement, Federal Air Marshal Service, to address the security issues that were highlighted by the attacks; and

Whereas, it is necessary for the well-being of this state and this country to have deep-water drilling rigs operating in the absolute safest manner possible; and

Whereas, the implementation of a federal entity whose sole job is to oversee the safety of all deep-water drilling rigs is a necessary and appropriate step in light of the Deep-water Horizon tragedy; and

Whereas, this federal entity may operate in a similar fashion to the Federal Air Marshal Service, with a federal employee stationed on every deep-water drilling rig.

Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the federal government explore creating a federal entity to oversee and enforce federal, state, and local safety regulations on all deep-water drilling rigs. Be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to secretary Ken Salazar, the United States Department of the Interior, and to each member of the Louisiana Congressional delegation.

POM-133. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Louisiana urging the Department of Commerce to establish a foreign trade zone in the Delta region of Louisiana; to the Committee on Finance.

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 125

Whereas, foreign-trade zones, established under the Foreign-Trade Zone Act of 1934, are secure areas under United States Customs and Border Protection supervision that are free-trade zones; and

Whereas, usual formal entry procedures and payments of duties are not required on foreign merchandise entering the zone unless it enters the territory for domestic consumption, at which point the importer generally has the choice of paying duties at the rate of either the original foreign materials or the finished product; and

Whereas, domestic goods moved into the zone for export may be considered exported upon admission to the zone for the purpose of excise tax rebates and drawback; and

Whereas, qualified public or private corporations may operate facilities within the zone; and

Whereas, foreign-trade zones offer several commercial advantages, such as the following:

(1) Customs and Border Protection duty and federal excise taxes, if applicable, are paid when merchandise is transferred from the zone for consumption;

(2) Goods may be exported from the zone free of duty and excise tax;

(3) Customs of Border Protection security requirements provide protection against theft;

(4) Merchandise may remain in the zone indefinitely; and

Whereas, the Mississippi River is a strategic asset to international manufacturers; and

Whereas, Act No. 347 of the 2007 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana enacted Louisiana Revised Statutes 3:33, the Delta Develop Initiative; and

Whereas, Act 347 defined the "Delta Region" to include Caldwell, Catahoula, Concordia, East Carroll, Franklin, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Pointe Coupee, Richland, Tensas, and West Carroll parishes, a cross roads intersection of the Mississippi River and the I-20 corridor that connects the South Central United States from Dallas, Texas to Atlanta, Georgia; and

Whereas, a proposed foreign-trade zone in the Delta region could consolidate marine, rail and base transport; offer industrial storage facilities; provide light assembly, warehousing and logistics services; and provide inbound and outbound connections to rail, truck, air, and barge transportation. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the United States Department of Commerce to establish a foreign trade zone in the Delta region of Louisiana. Be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the secretary of the United States Department of Commerce, each member of the Louisiana Congressional delegation, and the governor of Louisiana.

POM-134. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana urging Congress to continue to support and invest in the National Cancer Institute Community Cancer Centers Program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 122

Whereas, the National Cancer Institute (NCI) Community Cancer Centers Program (NCCCP) began in 2007 to provide community cancer centers and their patients across the United States better access to the most advanced cancer research; and

Whereas, NCI estimates that the vast majority of cancer patients (about 85 percent) are treated at community hospitals in or near the communities in which they live and only about 15 percent of U.S. cancer patients are diagnosed and treated at the nation's major academic-based cancer centers; and

Whereas, many patients choose community hospitals because they are close to family, friends, and jobs, whereas treatment at the major cancer centers may require long commutes or extended stays away from home; and

Whereas, the NCCCP extends NCI programs into local communities, giving patients easier access to state-of-the-art cancer care and clinical trial opportunities; and

Whereas, the NCI Community Cancer Centers Program has formed a national network of community cancer centers to expand cancer research and deliver the most advanced cancer care to more Americans in the communities where they live; and

Whereas, the Cancer Program of Our Lady of the Lake and Mary Bird Perkins was one of only 16 community cancer programs in the country selected to participate in the NCI Community Cancer Centers Program because of its proven medical leadership, phenomenal community outreach and experience in conducting clinical trials; and

Whereas, the Cancer Program of Our Lady of the Lake and Mary Bird Perkins was the