

Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3082) making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes, with an amendment.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 10:47 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 3789. An act to limit access to Social Security account numbers.

S. 3987. An act to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act with respect to the applicability of identity theft guidelines to creditors.

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. INOUE).

A message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3353. An act to provide for American Samoa and the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas to be treated as States for certain criminal justice programs.

H.R. 4501. An act to require certain return policies from businesses that purchase precious metals from consumers and solicit such transactions through an Internet website.

H.R. 5012. An act to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to establish a weekend and holiday feeding program to provide nutritious food to at-risk school children on weekends and during extended school holidays during the school year.

H.R. 5470. An act to exclude an external power supply for certain security or life safety alarms and surveillance system components from the application of certain energy efficiency standards under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act.

The message also announced that the House agree to the amendments numbered 1 and 2 of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 5281) to amend title 28, United States Code, to clarify and improve certain provisions relating to the removal of litigation against Federal officers or agencies to Federal courts, and for other purposes; and, further, that the House agree to the amendment numbered 3 of the Senate to the aforementioned bill, with an amendment.

The message further announced that the House agreed to the bill (S. 3998) to extend the Child Safety Pilot Program, without amendment.

At 4:17 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 6412. An act to amend title 28, United States Code, to require the Attorney General to share criminal records with State sentencing commissions, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the amendments of

the Senate to the bill (H.R. 4994) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce taxpayer burdens and enhance taxpayer protections, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 3353. An act to provide for American Samoa and the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas to be treated as States for certain criminal justice programs; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 4501. An act to require certain return policies from businesses that purchase precious metals from consumers and solicit such transactions through an Internet website; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 5012. An act to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to establish a weekend and holiday feeding program to provide nutritious food to at-risk school children on weekends and during extended school holidays during the school year; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

H.R. 6412. An act to amend title 28, United States Code, to require the Attorney General to share criminal records with State sentencing commissions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, December 9, 2010, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 3789. An act to limit access to Social Security account numbers.

S. 3987. An act to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act with respect to applicability of identity theft guidelines to creditors.

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-8399. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable 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 Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Fisheries; Suspension of Minimum Atlantic Surfclam Size Limit for Fishing Year 2011" (RIN0648-XZ16) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 7, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8400. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XA038) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 7, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8401. A communication from the Chief, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bu-

reau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Section 90.617 Frequencies in the 809.750-824.750-869 MHz Bands Available for Trunked, Conventional or Cellular System Use in Non-border Areas; Section 90.677 Reconfiguration of the 806-824/851-869 Band in Order to Separate Cellular Systems From Non-cellular Systems" ((DA10-695)(WT Docket No. 02-55)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 7, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8402. A communication from the Deputy Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of the Secretary of Transportation, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Relocation of Standard Time Zone Boundary in the State of North Dakota: Mercer County" (RIN2105-AD98) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 7, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8403. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures (25); Amdt. 3398" (RIN2120-AA65) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 7, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8404. A communication from the Policy Advisor/Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amateur Service Rules" (FCC 10-189) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 7, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8405. A communication from the Chief of the Policy and Rules Division, Office of Engineering and Technology, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Unlicensed Operation in the TV Broadcast Bands; ET Docket No. 04-186; Additional Spectrum for Unlicensed Devices Below 900 MHz and in the 3 GHz Band; ET Docket No. 02-380" (FCC 10-174) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 7, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8406. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, transmittal number: DDTC 10-429, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to a Middle East country regarding any possible affects such a sale might have relating to Israel's Qualitative Military Edge over military threats to Israel; to the Committee on Armed Services.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. DORGAN, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, without amendment:

H.R. 5811. A bill to amend the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and Alabama and Coushatta Indian Tribes of Texas Restoration Act to allow the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo Tribe to determine blood quantum requirement for membership in that tribe (Rept. No. 111-359).

By Mr. LIEBERMAN, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2782. A bill to provide personal jurisdiction in causes of action against contractors

of the United States performing contracts abroad with respect to members of the Armed Forces, civilian employees of the United States, and United States citizen employees of companies performing work for the United States in connection with contractor activities, and for other purposes.

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. CASEY:

S. 4018. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives for life sciences research; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CASEY:

S. 4019. A bill to clarify the applicability of the Buy American Act to products purchased for the use of the legislative branch, to prohibit the application of any of the exceptions to the requirements of such Act to products bearing an official Congressional insignia, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. WICKER (for himself and Mr. BARRASSO):

S. 4020. A bill to protect 10th Amendment rights by providing special standing for State government officials to challenge proposed regulations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 4021. A bill to reduce the ability of terrorists, spies, criminals, and other malicious actors to compromise, disrupt, damage, and destroy computer networks, critical infrastructure, and key resources, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 4022. A bill to provide for the repeal of the Department of Defense policy concerning homosexuality in the Armed Forces known as "Don't Ask, Don't Tell"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. Res. 698. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to the territorial integrity of Georgia and the situation within Georgia's internationally recognized borders; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. Res. 699. A resolution to authorize testimony and legal representation in City of St. Paul v. Irene Victoria Andrews, Bruce Jerome Berry, John Joseph Braun, David Eugene Luce, and Elizabeth Ann McKenzie; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 602

At the request of Mr. BROWN of Ohio, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a co-

sponsor of S. 602, a bill to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to conduct a survey to determine the level of compliance with national voluntary consensus standards and any barriers to achieving compliance with such standards, and for other purposes.

S. 738

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. LEMIEUX) was added as a cosponsor of S. 738, a bill to amend the Consumer Credit Protection Act to assure meaningful disclosures of the terms of rental-purchase agreements, including disclosures of all costs to consumers under such agreements, to provide certain substantive rights to consumers under such agreements, and for other purposes.

S. 1221

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. HAGAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1221, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure more appropriate payment amounts for drugs and biologicals under part B of the Medicare Program by excluding customary prompt pay discounts extended to wholesalers from the manufacturer's average sales price.

S. 2885

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2885, a bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide adequate benefits for public safety officers injured or killed in the line of duty, and for other purposes.

S. 3424

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3424, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to provide further protection for puppies.

S. 3447

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the names of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. UDALL) and the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) were added as cosponsors of S. 3447, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve educational assistance for veterans who served in the Armed Forces after September 11, 2001, and for other purposes.

S. 3739

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. KIRK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3739, a bill to amend the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act to include bullying and harassment prevention programs.

S. 3925

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the names of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) and the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) were added as cosponsors of S. 3925, a bill to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to improve the energy efficiency of, and standards applicable to, certain appli-

ances and equipment, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 694

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 694, a resolution condemning the Government of Iran for its state-sponsored persecution of religious minorities in Iran and its continued violation of the International Covenant on Human Rights.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 4021. A bill to reduce the ability of terrorists, spies, criminals, and other malicious actors to compromise, disrupt, damage, and destroy computer networks, critical infrastructure, and key resources, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, the Internet has had a profound impact on the daily lives of millions of Americans by enhancing communications, commerce, education, and socialization between and among persons regardless of their location. However, computers and other devices that connect to the Internet may be used, exploited, and compromised by terrorists, criminals, spies, and other malicious actors. As a result, they pose a risk to computer networks, critical infrastructure, and key resources in the United States. Users of computers and other devices that connect to the Internet are generally unaware that these devices can be easily used, exploited and compromised by others with spam, viruses, and other malicious software and agents. Internet and cybersecurity safety has therefore become an urgent homeland security issue that needs to be addressed by internet service providers, technology companies, other entities that enable devices to connect to the Internet, and by individuals.

I have been focusing on cybersecurity issues for quite some time. More than a year ago, as chairman of the Terrorism and Homeland Security Subcommittee of the Judiciary Committee, I chaired a Subcommittee hearing titled "Cybersecurity: Preventing Terrorist Attacks and Protecting Privacy in Cyberspace." The hearing included witnesses from key Federal agencies responsible for cybersecurity, as well as representatives of the private sector. We reviewed governmental and private sector efforts to prevent a terrorist cyber attack that could cripple large sectors of our government, economy, and essential services. It was both illuminating and frightening.

The expertise that I have developed in regard to cybersecurity has convinced me that the Government and the private sector need to work together to develop and enforce minimum Internet and cybersecurity safety standards for users of computers and