

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Senator VOINOVICH, my State's senior Senator, be recognized at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, December 15, to bid farewell to the Senate for up to 20 minutes; further, that at 2:15 p.m. on Tuesday, December 21, Senator SPECTER be recognized to deliver his farewell to the Senate; provided further that on Wednesday, December 15, upon conclusion of the vote on proceeding to executive session, the Senate return to legislative session in order for Senator LINCOLN to say farewell to the Senate; that at the conclusion of her remarks and any of her colleagues, the Senate then resume executive session at the same status prior to Senator LINCOLN's recognition in legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 2:14 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 3817. An act to amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act, the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act, the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment and Adoption Reform Act of 1978, and the Abandoned Infants Assistance Act of 1988 to reauthorize the Acts, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5591. An act to designate the airport traffic control tower located at Spokane International Airport in Spokane, Washington, as the "Ray Daves Airport Traffic Control Tower".

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

At 5:01 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 bills, without amendment:

S. 1275. An act to establish a National Foundation on Physical Fitness and Sports to carry out activities to support and supple-

ment the mission of the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports.

S. 1448. An act to amend the Act of August 9, 1955, to authorize the Coquille Indian Tribe, the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, the Confederated Tribes of the coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw, the Klamath Tribes, and the Burns Paiute Tribe to obtain 99-year lease authority for trust land.

S. 1609. An act to authorize a single fisheries cooperative for the Bering Sea Aleutian Islands longline catcher processor subsector, and for other purposes.

S. 2906. An act to amend the Act of August 9, 1955, to modify a provision relating to leases involving certain Indian tribes.

S. 3794. An act to amend chapter 5 of title 40, United States Code, to include organizations whose membership comprises substantially veterans as recipient organizations for the donation of Federal surplus personal property through State agencies.

S. 3984. An act to amend and extend the Museum and Library Services Act, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1061) to transfer certain land to the United States to be held in trust for the Hoh Indian Tribe, to place land into trust for the Hoh Indian Tribe, and for other purposes.

At 5:59 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. 6516. An act to make technical corrections to provisions of law enacted by the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2010.

At 7:02 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. 6510. An act to direct the Administrator of General Services to convey a parcel of real property in Houston, Texas, to the Military Museum of Texas, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 6510. An act to direct the Administrator of General Services to convey a parcel of real property in Houston, Texas, to the Military Museum of Texas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

MEASURES DISCHARGED

The following joint resolution was discharged pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 2159, and placed on the calendar:

S.J. Res. 34. Joint resolution relating to the approval of the proposed agreement for nuclear cooperation between the United States and the Russian Federation.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, December 14, 2010, she

had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 3817. An act to amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act, the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act, the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment and Adoption Reform Act of 1978, and the Abandoned Infants Assistance Act of 1988 to reauthorize the Acts, and for other purposes.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

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

S. 674. A bill to amend chapter 41 of title 5, United States Code, to provide for the establishment and authorization of funding for certain training programs for supervisors of Federal employees (Rept. No. 111—364).

S. 3335. A bill to require Congress to establish a unified and searchable database on a public website for congressional earmarks as called for by the President in his 2010 State of the Union Address to Congress (Rept. No. 111—365).

By Mrs. BOXER, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment:

H.R. 4973. A bill to amend the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 to reauthorize volunteer programs and community partnerships for national wildlife refuges, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 111—366).

H.R. 5282. A bill to provide funds to the Army Corps of Engineers to hire veterans and members of the Armed Forces to assist the Corps with curation and historic preservation activities, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 111—367).

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1078. A bill to authorize a comprehensive national cooperative geospatial imagery mapping program through the United States Geological Survey, to promote use of the program for education, workforce training and development, and applied research, and to support Federal, State, tribal, and local government programs.

By Mr. DODD, from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, with amendments:

S. 1481. A bill to amend section 811 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act to improve the program under such section for supportive housing for persons with disabilities.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 3490. A bill to clarify the rights and responsibilities of Federal entities in the spectrum relocation process, and for other purposes.

S. 3614. A bill to authorize the establishment of a Maritime Center of Expertise for Maritime Oil Spill and Hazardous Substance Release Response, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. DODD for the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

*Joseph A. Smith, Jr., of North Carolina, to be Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency for a term of five years.

By Mr. KERRY for the Committee on Foreign Relations.

*Larry Leon Palmer, of Georgia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

Nominee: Larry Leon Palmer.

Post: Venezuela.

(The following is a list of all members of my immediate family and their spouses. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.)

Contributions, amount, date, and donee:

1. Self: Larry L. Palmer, none.
2. Spouse: Lucille Palmer, none.
3. Children and Spouses: Vincent Palmer, none.
4. Parents: Rev. R.V. Palmer, Sr., deceased; Mrs. Gladys Palmer, deceased.
5. Grandparents: Augustus Young, deceased; Litha Young, deceased.
6. Brothers and Spouses: R.V. Palmer, II, none; Theresa Palmer, none; Charles Palmer, none; Mollie Palmer, none.
7. Sisters and Spouses: Miriam L. Golphin, none; Lewis Golphin, deceased; Seygbo M. Palmer, none.

*Kevin Glenn Nealer, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation for a term expiring December 17, 2011.

*Carol Fulp, of Massachusetts, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-fifth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

*Jeanne Shaheen, of New Hampshire, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-fifth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

*Roger F. Wicker, of Mississippi, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-fifth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

*Gregory J. Nickels, of Washington, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-fifth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

*William R. Brownfield, of Texas, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Minister, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs).

*Paige Eve Alexander, of Georgia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

*Mark Green, of Wisconsin, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Millennium Challenge Corporation for a term of three years.

*Thomas R. Nides, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Secretary of State for Management and Resources.

*Alan J. Patricof, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Millennium Challenge Corporation for a term of two years.

Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, for the Committee on Foreign Relations I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORD on the dates indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

*Foreign Service nominations beginning with Connor Cherer and ending with Bernadette Regina Zielinski, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 21, 2010.

*Foreign Service nominations beginning with Heather M. Rogers and ending with Stephanie L. Woodard, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 23, 2010.

*Foreign Service nominations beginning with Joseph Farinella and ending with Joseph C. Williams, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 23, 2010.

*Foreign Service nominations beginning with Patricia A. Butenis and ending with Keith A. Swinehart, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 29, 2010.

*Foreign Service nominations beginning with Louis John Fintor and ending with Thomas F. Gray, Jr., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 17, 2010.

*Foreign Service nominations beginning with Alan Hallman and ending with Richard G. Simpson, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 17, 2010.

*Foreign Service nominations beginning with Lloyd S. Harbert and ending with Daryl A. Brehm, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 17, 2010.

*Foreign Service nominations beginning with James Franklin Jeffrey and ending with Earl A. Wayne, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 18, 2010.

By Mr. LEAHY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Patti B. Saris, of Massachusetts, to be Chair of the United States Sentencing Commission.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

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. 4025. A bill to require contractors to notify small business concerns that have been included in offers relating to contractors let by Federal agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. CASEY:

S. 4026. A bill to establish in the Department of Commerce the Minority Business Development Program to provide qualified minority businesses with technical assistance and contracting opportunities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. BROWN of Ohio:

S. Res. 701. A resolution congratulating the University of Akron men's soccer team on winning the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Men's Soccer Championship; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 599

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 599, a bill to amend chapter 81 of title 5, United States Code, to create a presumption that a disability or death of a Federal employee in fire protection activities caused by any certain diseases is the result of the performance of such employee's duty.

S. 902

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 902, a bill to provide grants to establish veteran's treatment courts.

S. 941

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 941, a bill to reform the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, modernize firearm laws and regulations, protect the community from criminals, and for other purposes.

S. 1039

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1039, a bill to provide grants for the renovation, modernization or construction of law enforcement facilities.

S. 2919

At the request of Mr. UDALL of Colorado, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2919, a bill to amend the Federal Credit Union Act to advance the ability of credit unions to promote small business growth and economic development opportunities, and for other purposes.

S. 3694

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3694, a bill to prohibit the conducting of invasive research on great apes, and for other purposes.

S. 3737

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3737, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act and title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make the provision of technical services for medical imaging examinations and radiation therapy treatments safer, more accurate, and less costly.

S. 3739

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3739, a bill to amend the