

have said no to workers in Harrisburg and Columbus and Toledo and Erie and Sharon and Youngstown, so, Madam President, I object.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Objection is heard.

The Senator from Pennsylvania is recognized.

Mr. CASEY. Madam President, I think both sides understand these should move together as a package, both trade adjustment assistance and the Andean trade preference legislation as well. But let's try something here. We have talked about the arguments back and forth.

I would ask my friend from Wyoming if he would agree to an extension through Mother's Day, which is Sunday, May 8. I would ask him to respond to that request.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Wyoming is recognized.

Mr. BARRASSO. Madam President, I object.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Objection is heard.

The Senator from Pennsylvania.

Mr. CASEY. What you have just heard is another objection. They object to another short period of time. Let me go through it again. They object to a 4½ month extension, they object to an 18-month extension, and now they object to an extension through Mother's Day. I do not think it is asking that much to go from here to May 8.

I do not think we are helping the economy at a very difficult time when there is objection after objection. But I hope the American people understand what is at stake here in the midst of a still recovering and for some people still—for many people I should say; millions of people—a horrific economic circumstance.

Madam President, I yield the floor.

LINCOLN'S FAREWELL SPEECH

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I want to recognize the work of organizers in Springfield, IL, who are kicking off the national Civil War Sesquicentennial observation by reading President Abraham Lincoln's "Farewell Address" on the 150th anniversary of its original delivery. The speech will be reenacted in Springfield and individuals across the Nation are invited to join them online for a simultaneous reading of it. Organizers hope to set a Guinness World Record for the most people reading aloud from the same document simultaneously.

This year marks the sesquicentennial of two momentous chapters in our national history: President Abraham Lincoln's inauguration and the beginning of the Civil War. Two years ago, we celebrated the bicentennial of Abraham Lincoln's birth. As part of that earlier celebration, the Library of Congress displayed a remarkable collection of Lincoln artifacts. They included copies, written in Lincoln's own hand, of his first and second inaugural ad-

resses and his immortal Gettysburg Address. Also included was a copy of President Lincoln's poignant "Farewell Address" to Springfield, his adopted home, on February 11, 1861. More than a thousand residents came out that day to wish Mr. Lincoln goodbye as he headed to Washington to become President. He delivered his remarks extemporaneously:

My friend—No one, not in my situation, can appreciate my feeling of sadness at this parting. To this place, and the kindness of these people, I owe every thing. Here I have lived a quarter of a century, and have passed from a young to an old man. Here my children have been born, and one is buried. I now leave, not knowing when, or whether ever, I may return, with a task before me greater than that which rested upon Washington. Without the assistance of that Divine Being, who ever attended him, I cannot succeed. With that assistance I cannot fail. Trusting in Him, who can go with me, and remain with you and be every where for good, let us confidently hope that all will yet be well. To His care commending you, as I hope in your prayers you will commend me, I bid you an affectionate farewell.

President Lincoln, of course, did not live long enough to help write all of the chapters of American history that he had hoped for us. It has fallen to each generation of Americans since him to take up that pencil and write the next chapters: the Civil Rights Act, the Voting Rights Act . . . the first African American president, another lanky lawyer from Illinois. But we know there are chapters that still need to be written.

I urge my fellow Senators to join me in recognizing the 150th anniversary of President Lincoln's first inauguration, even as people in Springfield and around the country recite his Farewell Address.

VOTE EXPLANATION

Mr. LIEBERMAN. Mr. President, I regret having missed the February 8 vote to consider an amendment to the FAA Air Transportation Modernization and Safety Improvement Act. I was celebrating the joyous occasion of my newest grandson's birth with my wife and children.

Had I been present, I would have voted in favor of Senator NELSON's amendment to strike section 605. Section 605 would have established an advisory committee on aeronautics, but such a committee is not necessary because NASA already plays that role.

FAA REAUTHORIZATION

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I rise today to speak on behalf of Senator NELSON's amendment preventing the establishment of an extra advisory committee for NASA.

It is ironic that in his recent State of the Union Address, President Obama spoke of needing a "sputnik" moment to push America forward while the administration is supporting actions that complicate and weaken NASA and outsource its core capabilities.

Why should we transfer the responsibility for deciding how to affect aeronautics research from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the responsible agency? NASA provides the Nation's fundamental aeronautics research capability and any further dilution of its capabilities will negatively impact not only our research and development abilities but America's future space missions.

Furthermore, the advisory committee's function would directly and adversely affect the separate authorization of appropriations, Public Law 109-155, for NASA, wherein the Agency's lead role in civil aeronautics research was reaffirmed—Sec. 411.

This is why I voted in favor of Senator NELSON's amendment, which passed by a vote of 96 to 1. It is good that the formation of this committee has been struck by the Nelson amendment. The proposal has not been fully considered. It is unwise and goes against what Congress has already established.

I strongly believe it is of critical importance for the United States to maintain our competitive edge in human space exploration and civil aeronautics research. We should not abandon our position as an international leader in human space exploration. Creating another bureaucracy, blurring lines of responsibility and complicating decisionmaking by the responsible agency, NASA, will not be a step forward.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO JAMES BOYD

• Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I wish to speak today about the noble service of a great American from the State of Alabama, Mr. James Boyd. Mr. Boyd serves the city of Anniston as a police officer and has served as a civilian adviser to the Afghan Police Force in Khost and Kabul, Afghanistan, from November of 2009 to November of 2010. He is currently featured in the laudable project "100 Faces of the War Experience." This exhibition displays portraits and brief stories of those who have served in the multitude of possible ways in the theatres of war. The portraits are not for sale and not done at any cost to the participants. Mr. Boyd's story is as follows:

January 7th was the day of my war experience. I was embedded with the U.S. military in Afghanistan, advising the Afghan border police. We returned to our combat outpost at 3:20 PM after a supply mission. Right away I noticed that the local border police we lived with were all but gone and my police instinct immediately told me something was wrong. My partner and I were talking to the Lieutenant and Sergeant outside our building and decided to change into cold weather gear for the night. Just as it got dark, we started receiving heavy enemy gunfire; it was relentless and was all at head level. I could hear the Sergeant yelling, "Incoming!" A suicide bomber drove a 4,000 lb vehicle-

borne improvised explosive device into our compound wall injuring 13 U.S. soldiers. I ran to those who were calling for help and found the Sergeant I had been speaking with moments before; he was severely injured and later died. My partner and I ran back-and-forth across the compound under heavy gunfire to get medical bags and stretchers, and to give combat aid. More than a dozen Taliban tried to breach our compound throughout the attack but the team held them back. The rush of emotions throughout was unbelievable—the highest of highs and lowest of lows. The carnage of war is horrendous. The valor of warriors is inspiring. We should all be grateful to the members of our military who defend our enduring freedom and I am honored to support them in their mission.

I thank Mr. Boyd and his family for their honorable contributions toward the goals of our great Nation. I wish him and his family only the best in their future endeavors.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 4:03 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, without amendment:

S. 188. An act to designate the United States courthouse under construction at 98 West First Street, Yuma, Arizona, as the "John M. Roll United States Courthouse".

The message also announced that pursuant to section 4 of the Ronald Reagan Centennial Commission Act (Public Law 111-25), the Minority Leader appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the Ronald Reagan Centennial Commission: Mr. SILVESTRE REYES of Texas.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 4 of the Ronald Reagan Centennial Commission Act (Public Law 111-25), and the order of the House of January 5, 2011, the Speaker appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the Ronald Reagan Centennial Commission: Mr. SCHOCK of Illinois.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 4404(c)(2) of the Congressional Hunger Fellows Act of 2002 (2 U.S.C. 1161) the Minority Leader re-appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the Board of Trustees of the Congressional Hunger Fellows Program: Mr. JAMES P. MCGOVERN of Worcester, Massachusetts.

The message further announced that pursuant to the National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 955(b) note), the Minority Leader re-appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the National Council on the Arts: Ms. BETTY MCCOLLUM of Minnesota.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 803(a) of the Congressional Recognition for Excellence in Arts Education Act (2 U.S.C. 803(a)), the Minority Leader appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the Congressional Award Board: Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas.

The message further announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 3003, and the order of the House of January 5, 2011, the Speaker appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Mr. BURGESS of Texas.

The message also announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 3003, and the order of the House of January 5, 2011, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Chairman, Mr. PITTS of Pennsylvania, Mr. ADERHOLT of Alabama, and Mr. GINGREY of Georgia.

The message further announced that pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 2081, the Minority Leader re-appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the United States Capitol Preservation Commission: Ms. KAPTUR of Ohio.

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 Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mr. BURR, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. RISCH, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. BLUNT):

S. 312. A bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to repeal certain limitations on health care benefits; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. BEGICH):

S. 313. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to issue permits for a microhydro project in nonwilderness areas within the boundaries of Denali National Park and Preserve, to acquire land for Denali National Park and Preserve from Doyon Tourism, Inc., and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. JOHANNIS (for himself, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BURR, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HATCH, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. KYL, Mr. MORAN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. THUNE, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. WICKER):

S. 314. A bill to ensure that women seeking an abortion are fully informed regarding the pain experienced by their unborn child; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ENSIGN (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts):

S. 315. A bill to amend section 798 of title 18, United States Code, to provide penalties for disclosure of classified information related to certain intelligence activities of the United States and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mrs. HUTCHISON):

S. 316. A bill to ensure that the victims and victims' families of the November 5, 2009, attack at Fort Hood, Texas, receive the same treatment, benefits, and honors as those Americans who have been killed or wounded in a combat zone overseas and their families; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 317. A bill to allow for use of existing Section 8 housing funds, so as to preserve and revitalize affordable housing options for low-income individuals; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG:

S. 318. A bill to increase the use of security cameras at airport security screening checkpoints and exits, to impose increased penalties on individuals who circumvent security screening at airports, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. VITTER, Mr. MCCAIN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. KOHL, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. KERRY, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. LEVIN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. McCASKILL, Mr. BEGICH, and Mr. NELSON of Florida):

S. 319. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the importation of prescription drugs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KERRY:

S. 320. A bill for the relief of Genesio Januario Oliveira; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. TESTER):

S. 321. A bill to provide for the status of the Northern Rocky Mountain distinct population segment of the gray wolf, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 322. A bill to expand the Alpine Lakes Wilderness in the State of Washington, to designate the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River and Pratt River as wild and scenic rivers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CARPER (for himself and Mr. COONS):

S. 323. A bill to establish the First State National Historical Park in the State of Delaware, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 324. A bill to amend the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Development Act to extend to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Commission; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Mrs. McCASKILL):

S. 325. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to require the provision of behavioral health services to members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces necessary to meet pre-deployment and post-deployment readiness and fitness standards, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 326. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to establish national purposes and goals for the Federal surface transportation activities and programs and create a national surface transportation plan; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Mr. MORAN):