

years to come. We have all been made better by his contribution, his presence, and his example. He is an institution and his extraordinary service is as much a part of Commerce Committee lore as the Enron investigation or the deregulation of telecom. He is an institution we are extremely proud of and will always honor. We will strive to live up to his example.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO SAUL MARTINEZ ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, it is with great pleasure that I honor students, teachers, administrators, librarians, and parents from Saul Martinez Elementary School in Mecca, CA, for taking a stand to resolve a serious pollution problem the community was facing. Together, they have demonstrated how important it is to speak up and be heard to make government officials aware of vital issues that affect their community.

Like all Americans, the residents of Mecca, CA, have the right to expect that the air they breathe is clean, and that the Federal and State government will enforce the Nation's environmental laws to protect them from dangerous pollution. Unfortunately, some residents in Mecca became sick from overpowering air pollution coming from a nearby waste recycling facility. The noxious odors posed a public health risk to the two schools located near the site, Saul Martinez Elementary School and Mecca Elementary School.

I became involved because local citizens, including teachers and students at the two schools, spoke out about the public health threat in Mecca that needed to be addressed immediately. I am so pleased that the Environmental Protection Agency stepped up its efforts to clean up the air pollution in and around the community of Mecca.

I give special thanks to the residents of Mecca, including the students at Saul Martinez Elementary School, for speaking up and telling the truth about the troubling conditions nearby. It is an example to all Americans that we have a stake in our communities and that by fighting for what is right, we can make our country a better, safer and healthier nation.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 6:12 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 1893. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend the airport improvement program, and for other purposes.

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

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

S. 1057. A bill to repeal the Volumetric Ethanol Excise Tax Credit.

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-1863. A communication from the President of the United States of America, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2010 Annual Nuclear Weapons Stockpile Assessments from the Secretaries of Defense and Energy, the three national security laboratory directors, and the Commander, U.S. Strategic Command (DCN OSS No. 2011-0894); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1864. 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 11-047, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or 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.

EC-1865. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the Western Balkans that was declared in Executive Order 13219 of June 26, 2001; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1866. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to North Korea that was declared in Executive Order 13466 of June 26, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1867. A communication from the Chief of the Border Securities Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Technical Amendment to List of User Fee Airports: Addition of Naples Municipal Airport, Naples, Florida" (CBP Dec. 11-12) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 24, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1868. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rate Increase Disclosure and Review" (RIN0938-AQ68) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 24, 2011; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions.

EC-1869. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report covering defense articles and defense services that were licensed for export under Section 38 of the Arms Export Control Act during Fiscal Year 2010 (DCN OSS No. 2011-0937); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1870. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Libya" (RIN1400-AC83) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 24, 2011; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1871. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Comparative Analysis of Actual Cash Collections to the Revised Revenue Estimate Through the 4th Quarter of Fiscal Year 2010"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1872. A communication from the Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to foreign terrorist organizations (OSS Control No. 2011-0883); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. LEVIN for the Committee on Armed Services.

*Michael E. Guest, of South Carolina, to be a Member of the National Security Education Board for a term of four years.

*Ana Margarita Guzman, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Security Education Board for a term of four years.

*Christopher B. Howard, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Security Education Board for a term of four years.

Air Force nomination of Maj. Gen. Brooks L. Bash, to be Lieutenant General.

Air Force nomination of Col. David E. Deputy, to be Brigadier General.

Air Force nominations beginning with Brig. Gen. James D. Demeritt and ending with Brig. Gen. Joseph K. Martin, Jr., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on May 4, 2011.

Air Force nominations beginning with Brigadier General Mark A. Atkinson and ending with Brigadier General Timothy M. Zadalis, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on May 4, 2011.

Air Force nomination of Col. David J. Buck, to be Brigadier General.

Air Force nomination of Lt. Gen. Gilmory M. Hostage III, to be General.

Air Force nomination of Maj. Gen. Mark F. Ramsay, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Col. Mark W. Palzer, to be Brigadier General.

Army nomination of Brig. Gen. Gerald E. Lang, to be Major General.

Army nomination of Col. Charles R. Bailey, to be Brigadier General.

Army nominations beginning with Brig. Gen. Omer C. Tooley, Jr. and ending with Col. Brian R. Carpenter, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on May 4, 2011.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Colonel Charles G. Chiarotti and ending with Colonel Daniel D. Yoo, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 2, 2011.

Marine Corps nomination of Maj. Gen. Richard P. Mills, to be Lieutenant General.

Marine Corps nomination of Lt. Gen. George J. Flynn, to be Lieutenant General.

Marine Corps nomination of Lt. Gen. John R. Allen, to be Lieutenant General.

Marine Corps nomination of Maj. Gen. Steven A. Hummer, to be Lieutenant General.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. Kendall L. Card, to be Vice Admiral.

Navy nomination of Vice Adm. Robert S. Harward, Jr., to be Vice Admiral.

Navy nomination of Vice Adm. Mark D. Harnitchek, to be Vice Admiral.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. David H. Buss, to be Vice Admiral.

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, for the Committee on Armed Services I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORDS 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.

Air Force nominations beginning with Michael D. Dietz and ending with Doreen F. Wilder, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 3, 2011.

Air Force nominations beginning with Jay O. Aanrud and ending with Scott C. Zippwald, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 30, 2011.

Air Force nominations beginning with Matthew J. Bronk and ending with Joy C. Taber, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on May 2, 2011.

Air Force nomination of Paul L. Dandrea, to be Major.

Air Force nomination of Jeffrey A. Bailey, to be Colonel.

Air Force nomination of James A. Mace, to be Major.

Air Force nominations beginning with Bernadette A. Anderson and ending with Dwayne B. Wilhite, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on May 4, 2011.

Air Force nominations beginning with Jeffery D. Aebischer and ending with Kurt V. Woyak, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on May 4, 2011. (minus 1 nominee: Ken R. Mcdaniel)

Air Force nominations beginning with La Rita S. Abel and ending with Michael J. Zenk, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on May 4, 2011.

Air Force nomination of Peter J. Avalos, to be Major.

Army nominations beginning with Keith W. Alfeiri and ending with Diana Torres, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on May 2, 2011.

Army nominations beginning with Mark J. Berglund and ending with Michael S. Sarver, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on May 2, 2011.

Army nomination of Michael P. Harry, to be Major.

Army nominations beginning with Joseph L. Aaron, Jr. and ending with Joseph V. Zulkey, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on May 4, 2011.

Army nominations beginning with Charles M. Abeyawardena and ending with G001231, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on May 9, 2011.

Army nominations beginning with Lisa M. Abel and ending with Cody L. Zach, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on May 9, 2011.

Marine Corps nomination of Angella M. Lawrence, to be Major.

Marine Corps nomination of Michael R. Cirillo, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Carlton W. Adams and ending with Wayne R. Zuber, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 3, 2011.

Navy nomination of James P. McGrath III, to be Captain.

Navy nomination of Steven M. Wechsler, to be Captain.

Navy nomination of Fernando Harris, to be Commander.

Navy nomination of Stephen K. Revelas, to be Captain.

Navy nomination of Bradley S. Hawksworth, to be Commander.

Navy nomination of Douglas L. Edson, to be Captain.

Navy nomination of Stephen J. Parks, to be Commander.

Navy nomination of Hung Cao, to be Commander.

Navy nomination of Tracy T. Skipton, to be Commander.

Navy nomination of David T. Carpenter, to be Captain.

Navy nomination of Brent J. Kyler, to be Captain.

Navy nomination of Peter W. Ward, to be Commander.

Navy nomination of Pablito V. Quiatchon, to be Lieutenant Commander.

Navy nomination of Robert H. Buckingham, to be Captain.

Navy nomination of Bryan F. Butler, to be Captain.

Navy nominations beginning with William H. Albert and ending with Michael Witherill, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on May 2, 2011.

Navy nomination of Valerie R. Overstreet, to be Commander.

Navy nominations beginning with Nadesia V. Henry and ending with John A. Salvato, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on May 4, 2011.

Navy nomination of Thomas P. Fantes, to be Captain.

Navy nomination of Cynthia E. Wilkerson, to be Captain.

Navy nominations beginning with David T. Carpenter and ending with Timothy M. Chen, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on May 11, 2011.

Navy nominations beginning with Robert D. Pavel and ending with Shaun C. Shillady, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on May 11, 2011.

Navy nomination of Kendall C. Jones, Jr., to be Lieutenant Commander.

Navy nomination of Kirk R. Parsley, to be Lieutenant Commander.

Navy nomination of Christian F. Jensen, to be Lieutenant Commander.

Navy nomination of Joseph M. Holt, to be Lieutenant Commander.

*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. THUNE (for himself, Mr. CASEY, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. FRANKEN, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 1059. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide liability protections for volunteer practitioners at health centers under section 330 of such Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL:

S. 1060. A bill to improve education, employment, independent living services, and health care for veterans, to improve assistance for homeless veterans, and to improve the administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. ENZI, Mr. HELLER, Mr. LEE, Mr. RISC, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. HATCH):

S. 1061. A bill to amend title 5 and 28, United States Code, with respect to the award of fees and other expenses in cases brought against agencies of the United States, to require the Administrative Conference of the United States to compile, and make publically available, certain data relating to the Equal Access to Justice Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. PORTMAN:

S. 1062. A bill to enhance the administration of the United States Air Force Institute of Technology, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

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

S. 1063. A bill to allow for the harvest of gull eggs by the Huna Tlingit people within Glacier Bay National Park in the State of Alaska; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. 1064. A bill to make effective the proposed rule of the Food and Drug Administration relating to sunscreen drug products, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself and Mr. RISC):

S. 1065. A bill to settle land claims within the Fort Hall Reservation; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. RISC):

S. 1066. A bill to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to allow importation of polar bear trophies taken in sport hunts in Canada before the date on which the polar bear was determined to be a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 1067. A bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to require the Secretary of Energy to carry out a research and development and demonstration program to reduce manufacturing and construction costs relating to nuclear reactors, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BROWN of Ohio (for himself and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. 1068. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for temporary student loan debt conversion authority; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.