

Following these assignments, General Flowers was well prepared to assume his current position as the director of the Air Force budget. Under his direction, this organization developed, established, and cultivated professional relationships within the air staff, the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Joint Staff, the Army, the Navy, the Marine Corps, and with Members and staff of the U.S. Congress, significantly improving the record of approval of resources necessary to support key warfighter programs. He provided critical oversight and direction for over 30 Air Force appropriations to accurately deliver a nearly \$800 billion Future Years' Defense Program budget to the Office of the Secretary of Defense on time and on target. He has successfully completed annual budget submissions of close to \$170 billion for fiscal years 2011, 2012, and 2013 and justified them to the Secretary of Defense, the Office of Management and Budget, the Congressional Defense Appropriations and Authorization Subcommittees and the Congressional Budget Office. General Flowers' leadership, sound judgment, and wise counsel will be sorely missed by all.

I am pleased to commend General Flowers for his historic and outstanding service to our country, which is a great example of distinguished military service. On the occasion of his upcoming retirement, I wish General Flowers and his family all the very best in the years to come.●

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

● Mr. KOHL. Madam President, today I recognize and congratulate Washington High School on the occasion of its 100th anniversary. As a proud alumnus, I take these moments to reflect on the purple and gold's story, success and accomplishments that have endured these past 100 years.

Located in the Sherman Park Neighborhood of Milwaukee, WI, Washington High School, with its never-ending commitment to excellence, has welcomed students through its doors and ushered them out to embrace bright futures for ten decades. Throughout its evolution and changes, Washington High School has always provided its students with a first class education, instilling values and providing skills that help students pursue employment, higher education and individual dreams.

Well-known for its focus on technology, the innovative high school created the first Career Specialty Program in 1976 focusing on computers and earning the school its reputation as "the computer school." It has been nationally recognized for its curriculum which builds knowledge and critical thinking skills through the use of technology.

The school proudly acclaims each graduating class including notable alumni who achieved excellence in

business, attained the office of Governor of Wisconsin, served at the highest level of our military, became Commissioner of Baseball, reached stardom on Broadway and in Hollywood, joined the ranks of professional athletes, and even one who got elected U.S. Senator; each and every graduate a remarkable person who graduated from a remarkable place, Washington High School.

Wisconsin's strong tradition of excellence in education has been shaped by Washington High School's rich, long history filled with a century of proud, hopeful students, and extremely dedicated faculty and staff. As alumni from varied graduating classes and walks of life, we gather as one body to celebrate collectively the spirit of our high school years, and the achievements, made individually and collectively by a century of alumni.

As all Washington High School alumni have done before, we cheer for the purple and gold, the Purgolders and everything this fine institution represents.

With a warm welcome to all who cherish and gather to remember, I proudly congratulate Washington High School, my alma mater, on its 100th anniversary, and my sincere best wishes for 100 more exceptional years.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:30 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 bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2433. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the laws relating to the employment and training of veterans, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2944) to provide for the continued performance of the functions of the United States Parole Commission, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 1:38 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 2832. An act to extend the Generalized System of Preferences, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2944. An act to provide for the continued performance of the functions of the United States Parole Commission, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3078. An act to implement the United States-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement.

H.R. 3079. An act to implement the United States-Panama Trade Promotion Agreement.

H.R. 3080. An act to implement the United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement.

The enrolled bills were 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. 2433. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the laws relating to the employment and training of veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petition or memorial was laid before the Senate and was referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-63. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Utah expressing support for an amendment to the United States Constitution to balance the federal budget and restrict tax increases; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 201

Whereas, the Legislature of the state of Utah acknowledges that the United States of America is facing a crippling debt crisis because of unrestrained spending and irresponsible fiscal policies;

Whereas, a majority of sitting United States Senators—including all 47 Republicans, 10 Democrats, and one Independent—have specifically expressed support for a requirement to balance the federal budget; and

Whereas, the 112th Congress is currently considering the following Constitutional Amendment, Senate Joint Resolution 10, which was introduced on March 31, 2011, by United States Senators Orrin Hatch and Mike Lee, both from Utah:

"Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled (two-thirds of each House concurring therein), That the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States:

Article—

Section 1. Total outlays for any fiscal year shall not exceed total receipts for that fiscal year, unless two-thirds of the duly chosen and sworn Members of each House of Congress shall provide by law for a specific excess of outlays over receipts by a roll call vote.

Section 2. Total outlays for any fiscal year shall not exceed 18 percent of the gross domestic product of the United States for the calendar year ending before the beginning of such fiscal year, unless two-thirds of the duly chosen and sworn Members of each House of Congress shall provide by law for a specific amount in excess of such 18 percent by a roll call vote.

Section 3. Prior to each fiscal year, the President shall transmit to the Congress a proposed budget for the United States Government for that fiscal year in which—

(1) total outlays do not exceed total receipts; and

(2) total outlays do not exceed 18 percent of the gross domestic product of the United States for the calendar year ending before the beginning of such fiscal year.

Section 4. Any bill that imposes a new tax or increases the statutory rate of any tax or the aggregate amount of revenue may pass only by a two-thirds majority of the duly chosen and sworn Members of each House of Congress by a roll call vote. For the purpose of determining any increase in revenue under this section, there shall be excluded any increase resulting from the lowering of the statutory rate of any tax.

Section 5. The limit on the debt of the United States shall not be increased, unless three-fifths of the duly chosen and sworn Members of each House of Congress shall provide for such an increase by a roll call vote.

Section 6. The Congress may waive the provisions of sections 1, 2, 3, and 5 of this article for any fiscal year in which a declaration of war against a nation-state is in effect and in which a majority of the duly chosen and sworn Members of each House of Congress shall provide for a specific excess by a roll call vote.

Section 7. The Congress may waive the provisions of sections 1, 2, 3, and 5 of this article in any fiscal year in which the United States is engaged in a military conflict that causes an imminent and serious military threat to national security and is so declared by three-fifths of the duly chosen and sworn Members of each House of Congress by a roll call vote. Such suspension must identify and be limited to the specific excess of outlays for that fiscal year made necessary by the identified military conflict.

Section 8. No court of the United States or of any State shall order any increase in revenue to enforce this article.

Section 9. Total receipts shall include all receipts of the United States Government except those derived from borrowing or from penalties or fines. Total outlays shall include all outlays of the United States Government except those for repayment of debt principal.

Section 10. The Congress shall have power to enforce and implement this article by appropriate legislation, which may rely on estimates of outlays, receipts, and gross domestic product.

Section 11. This article shall take effect beginning with the fifth fiscal year beginning after its ratification.”: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein, pursuant to Article V of the United States Constitution, would hereby support a Balanced Budget Amendment to the Constitution of the United States proposed by resolution of the 112th Congress of the United States in Washington, D.C., described herein, on March 31, 2011. Be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the legislatures of all 49 other states, all members of Utah's congressional delegation, the majority and minority leaders in the United States Senate and House of Representatives, the Vice President of the United States, and the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, with a request that it be printed in the Congressional Record.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1301. A bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2012 to 2015 for the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, to enhance measures to combat trafficking in person, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Adalberto Jose Jordan, of Florida, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit.

John M. Gerrard, of Nebraska, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nebraska.

Mary Elizabeth Phillips, of Missouri, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Missouri.

Thomas Owen Rice, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington.

David Nuffer, of Utah, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah.

Steven R. Frank, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Pennsylvania for the term of four years.

Martin J. Pane, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Marshal for the Middle District of Pennsylvania for the term of four years.

David Blake Webb, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania for the term of four years.

(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 Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. BURR, and Mr. BENNET):

S. 1700. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to device review determinations and conflicts of interest, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. CARDIN):

S. 1701. A bill to amend the Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia Research and Control Act of 1998, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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

S. 1702. A bill to provide that the rules of the Environmental Protection Agency entitled “National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines” have no force or effect with respect to existing stationary compression and spark ignition reciprocating internal combustion engines operated by certain persons and entities for the purpose of generating electricity or operating a water pump; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. PRYOR (for himself, Mr. BINGAMAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. COONS, Mr. BURR, and Mr. TESTER):

S. 1703. A bill to amend the Department of Energy Organization Act to require a Quadrennial Energy Review, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself and Mr. REED):

S. 1704. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to modify certain authorities relating to the strategic airlift aircraft force structure of the Air Force; to the Committee on Armed Services.

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

S. 1705. A bill to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Spokane, Washington, as the “Mann-Grandstaff Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center”; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 1706. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce tobacco smuggling, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BURR (for himself, Mr. WEBB, Mr. MORAN, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. WICKER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. COBURN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. THUNE, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mr. RISCH):

S. 1707. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the conditions under which certain persons may be treated as adjudicated mentally incompetent for certain purposes; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 1708. A bill to establish the John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CASEY:

S. 1709. A bill to temporarily reduce interest rates for certain small business disaster loans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

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

S. 1710. A bill to designate the United States courthouse located at 222 West 7th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska, as the James M. Fitzgerald United States Courthouse; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BROWN of Ohio:

S. 1711. A bill to enhance reciprocal market access for United States domestic producers in the negotiating process of bilateral, regional, and multilateral trade agreements; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts (for himself, Mr. TESTER, Mr. BARRASSO, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 1712. A bill to increase transparency in the payment of judgments and settlements by agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 1713. A bill to establish a timely and expeditious process for voting on the statutory debt limit; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. CASEY, and Mr. KERRY):

S. Res. 293. A resolution celebrating the 10-year commemoration of the Underground Railroad Memorial, comprised of the Gateway to Freedom Monument in Detroit, Michigan, and the Tower of Freedom Monument in Windsor, Ontario, Canada; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. WICKER:

S. Con. Res. 30. A concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Spina Bifida Awareness Month; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ISAKSON:

S. Con. Res. 31. A concurrent resolution directing the Secretary of the Senate to make