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S. 1639. An act to amend title 36, United States Code, to authorize the American Legion under its Federal charter to provide guidance and leadership to the individual departments and posts of the American Legion, and for other purposes.

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

At 1:03 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. 10. An act to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law.

H.R. 944. An act to eliminate an unused lighthouse reservation, provide management consistency by incorporating the rocks and small islands along the coast of Orange County, California, into the California Coastal National Monument managed by the Bureau of Land Management, and meet the original Congressional intent of preserving Orange County's rocks and small islands, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1254. An act to amend the Controlled Substances Act to place synthetic drugs in Schedule I.

H.R. 1560. An act 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.

H.R. 2351. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to continue stocking fish in certain lakes in the North Cascades National Park, Ross Lake National Recreation Area, and Lake Chelan National Recreation Area.

H.R. 2360. An act to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to extend the Constitution, laws, and jurisdiction of the United States to installations and devices attached to the seabed of the Outer Continental Shelf for the production and support of production of energy from sources other than oil and gas, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 535. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease certain lands within Fort Pulaski National Monument, and for other purposes.

S. 683. An act to provide for the conveyance of certain parcels of land to the town of Mantua, Utah.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 32. Concurrent resolution to authorize the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make technical corrections in the enrollment of H.R. 470, an Act to further allocate and expand the availability of hydroelectric power generated at Hoover Dam, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

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MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 10. An act to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 944. An act to eliminate an unused lighthouse reservation, provide management consistency by incorporating the rocks and small islands along the coast of Orange County, California, into the California Coastal National Monument managed by the Bureau of Land Management, and meet the original Congressional intent of preserving Orange County's rocks and small islands, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1021. An act to prevent the termination of the temporary office of bankruptcy judges in certain judicial districts; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 1254. An act to amend the Controlled Substances Act to place synthetic drugs in Schedule I; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 1560. An act 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; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

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ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, December 8, 2011, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

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REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mrs. BOXER, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1400. A bill to restore the natural resources, ecosystems, fisheries, marine and wildlife habitats, beaches, and coastal wetlands of Gulf Coast States, to create jobs and revive the economic health of communities adversely affected by the explosion on, and sinking of, the mobile offshore drilling unit Deepwater Horizon, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 112-100).

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment:

S. 678. A bill to increase the penalties for economic espionage.

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S. 1886. A bill to prevent trafficking in counterfeit drugs.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

*Rebecca M. Blank, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce.

*Ajit Varadaraj Pai, of Kansas, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission for a term of five years from July 1, 2011.

*Jessica Rosenworcel, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission for a term of five years from July 1, 2010.

*Jon D. Leibowitz, of Maryland, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner for a term of seven years *pm September 26, 2010.

*Maureen K. Ohlhausen, of Virginia, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner for a term of seven years from September 26, 2011.

By Mr. LEAHY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Kathryn Keneally, of New York, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

*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. ISAKSON:

S. 1963. A bill to revoke the charters for the Federal National Mortgage Corporation and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation upon resolution of their obligations, to create a new Mortgage Finance Agency for the securitization of single family and multifamily mortgages, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. PORTMAN):

S. 1964. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt from the harbor maintenance tax certain commercial cargo loaded or unloaded at United States ports in the Great Lakes Saint Lawrence Seaway System; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 1965. A bill to jump-start economic recovery through the formation and growth of new businesses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. RUBIO):

S. 1966. A bill to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to reform the process for enrolling, activating, issuing, and renewing Transportation Worker Identification Credentials so that applicants are not required to visit a designated enrollment center more than once; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota (for himself and Mr. COCHRAN):

S. 1967. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the treatment of certain physician pathology services under the Medicare Program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. KIRK):

S. 1968. A bill to require the Secretary of Transportation to establish a pilot program to increase accountability with respect to outcomes of transportation investments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 1969. A bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to improve the quality, health outcomes, and value of maternity care under the Medicaid and CHIP programs by developing a maternity care quality measurement program, evaluating maternity care home models, and supporting maternity care quality collaboratives; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. BENNET, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 1970. A bill to amend the securities laws to provide for registration exemptions for certain crowdfunded securities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. JOHANNES):

S. 1971. A bill to provide for the establishment of a committee to assess the effects of certain Federal regulatory mandates and to provide for relief from those mandates, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. COATS (for himself and Ms. AYOTTE):

S. 1972. A bill to amend the Food and Drug Administration's mission; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. KERRY):

S. 1973. A bill to prevent gun trafficking in the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself, Mr. HELLER, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 1974. A bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to clarify the definition of aircraft and the offenses penalized under the aviation smuggling provisions under that Act, and for other purposes; considered and passed.

By Mr. DEMINT (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. VITTER, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. RISCH, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. JOHNSON of

Wisconsin, Mr. LEE, Mr. PAUL, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. HATCH, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. KYL, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. BARASSO, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. THUNE, Mr. BURR, Mr. HELLER, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. JOHANNES, and Mr. SESSIONS):

S. 1975. A bill to repeal the authority to provide certain loans to the International Monetary Fund, to prohibit loans to enable the Fund to provide financing for European financial stability and to oppose the provision of such financing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. COONS):

S. 1976. A bill to authorize educational assistance under the Armed Forces Health Professions Scholarship program for pursuit of advanced degrees in physical therapy and occupational therapy; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. SANDERS (for himself and Mr. BEGICH):

S.J. Res. 33. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to expressly exclude for-profit corporations from the rights given to natural persons by the Constitution of the United States, prohibit corporate spending in all elections, and affirm the authority of Congress and the States to regulate corporations and to regulate and set limits on all election contributions and expenditures; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mr. WICKER):

S. Res. 346. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the Government of Antigua and Barbuda and its actions relating to the Stanford Financial Group fraud; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 306

At the request of Mr. WEBB, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 306, a bill to establish the National Criminal Justice Commission.

S. 494

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 494, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a national screening program at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide States the option to increase screening in the United States population for the prevention, early detection, and timely treatment of colorectal cancer.

S. 506

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 506, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of

1965 to address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students.

S. 626

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 626, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the shipping investment withdrawal rules in section 955 and to provide an incentive to reinvest foreign shipping earnings in the United States.

S. 752

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) were added as cosponsors of S. 752, a bill to establish a comprehensive interagency response to reduce lung cancer mortality in a timely manner.

S. 955

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 955, a bill to provide grants for the renovation, modernization or construction of law enforcement facilities.

S. 985

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 985, a bill to amend the definition of a law enforcement officer under subchapter III of chapter 83 and chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code, respectively, to ensure the inclusion of certain positions.

S. 996

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 996, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the new markets tax credit through 2016, and for other purposes.

S. 1174

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1174, a bill to provide predictability and certainty in the tax law, create jobs, and encourage investment.

S. 1175

At the request of Mrs. HAGAN, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. FRANKEN) and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1175, a bill to provide, develop, and support 21st century readiness initiatives that assist students in acquiring the skills necessary to think critically and solve problems, be an effective communicator, collaborate with others, and learn to create and innovate.

S. 1440

At the request of Mr. BENNET, the names of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) were added as cosponsors of S. 1440, a bill to reduce preterm labor and delivery and the risk of pregnancy-related deaths and complications due to pregnancy, and to reduce infant mortality caused by prematurity.