

H.R. 3421. An act to award Congressional Gold Medals in honor of the men and women who perished as a result of the terrorist attacks on the United States on September 11, 2011.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 92. Concurrent resolution directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to correct the enrollment of the bill H.R. 1540.

H. Con. Res. 93. Concurrent resolution providing for a correction to the enrollment of the bill H.R. 2845.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 313. An act to amend the Controlled Substances Act to clarify that persons who enter into a conspiracy within the United States to possess or traffic illegal controlled substances outside the United States, or engage in conduct within the United States to aid or abet drug trafficking outside the United States, may be criminally prosecuted in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 1905. An act to strengthen Iran sanctions laws for the purpose of compelling Iran to abandon its pursuit of nuclear weapons and other threatening activities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 2105. An act to provide for the application of measures to foreign persons who transfer to Iran, North Korea, and Syria certain goods, services, or technology, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 2767. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8 West Silver Street in Westfield, Massachusetts, as the "William T. Trant Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 3246. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 15455 Manchester Road in Ballwin, Missouri, as the "Specialist Peter J. Navarro Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

H.R. 3630. An act to provide incentives for the creation of jobs, and for other purposes.

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-4291. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Utilization of Domestic Photovoltaic Devices" ((RIN0750-AH43)(DFARS Case 2011-D046)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 12, 2011; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4292. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 67)(Docket No. FEMA-2011-0002)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 12, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4293. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 67)(Docket No. FEMA-2011-0002)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 12, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4294. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Updated Statements of Legal Authority to Reflect Continuation of Emergency Declared in Executive Order 12938" (RIN0694-AF44) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 12, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4295. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Inspector General, Department of Housing and Urban Development; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4296. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, (15) reports relative to vacancy announcements within the Department; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4297. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Skate Complex Fishery; Secretarial Emergency Action" (RIN0648-BB32) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 12, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4298. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Crab Rationalization Program" (RIN0648-AX47) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 12, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4299. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Snapper-Grouper Fishery Off the Southern Atlantic States; Amendment 15B" (RIN0648-BB55) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 12, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4300. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Man-

agement Act Provisions; Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast (NE) Multispecies Fishery; Framework Adjustment 46" (RIN0648-BB08) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 12, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4301. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; North and South Atlantic Swordfish Quotas" (RIN0648-BA90) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 12, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4302. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Protected Resources, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "List of Fisheries for 2012" (RIN0648-BA76) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 12, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4303. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to the Export Administration Regulations: Facilitating Enhanced Public Understanding of the Provisions That Implement the Comprehensive U.S. Sanctions Against Syria Pursuant to the Syria Accountability and Lebanese Sovereignty Restoration Act of 2003" (RIN0694-AF29) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 12, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4304. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Shipping and Transportation; Technical, Organizational, and Conforming Amendments" ((RIN1625-AB77)(Docket No. USCG-2011-0618)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 12, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4305. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Five-Year Program Plan for Fiscal Years 2008 to 2012 for Electric Transmission and Distribution Programs"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4306. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Response to Findings and Recommendations of the Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Technical Advisory Committee (HTAC) during Fiscal Years 2008 and 2009"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4307. A communication from the Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a semiannual report relative to the status of the Commission's licensing and regulatory duties; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4308. A communication from the Administrator of the General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's fiscal year 2011 Agency Financial Report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4309. A communication from the Acting District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "District of Columbia Agencies' Compliance with Fiscal Year 2010 Small Business Enterprise Expenditure Goals"; to the Committee on

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4310. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Semiannual Report to Congress on Audit Follow-up for the period of April 1, 2011 through September 30, 2011; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4311. A communication from the Chairman of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semi-Annual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2011 through September 30, 2011; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4312. A communication from the Chairman of the Broadcasting Board of Governors, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period of April 1, 2011 through September 30, 2011; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4313. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Chemical Mixtures Containing Listed Forms of Phosphorous and Change in Application Process" (RIN1117-AA66) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 12, 2011; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4314. A communication from the National Executive Secretary, Navy Club of the United States of America, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the national financial statement of the organization, and national staff and convention minutes for the year ending July 31, 2011; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation I report favorably the following nomination list which was printed in the RECORD on the date indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that this nomination lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

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

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration nominations beginning with Benjamin M. Lacour and ending with Brian D. Prestcott, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on December 5, 2011.

By Mrs. BOXER for the Committee on Environment and Public Works:

Rebecca R. Wodder, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife.

By Mr. HARKIN for the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:

*Deepa Gupta, of Illinois, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2016;

*Christopher Merrill, of Iowa, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2016;

*Stephanie Orlando, of New York, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for the remainder of the term expiring September 17, 2011;

*Stephanie Orlando, of New York, to be a Member of the National Council on Dis-

ability for a term expiring September 17, 2014;

*Gary Blumenthal, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2013; and

*Wendy M. Spencer, of Florida, to be Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation for National and Community Service.

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, for the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions I report favorably the following nomination list which was printed in the RECORD on the date indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that this nomination lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

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

Public Health Service nominations beginning with Jose G. Bal and ending with Kendra J. Vieira, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 8, 2011.

*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. BLUNT (for himself, Mrs. McCASKILL, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. COBURN, and Mr. ENZI):

S. 1988. A bill to amend the Federal Power Act to require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to consider private land-ownership and private use of land in issuing hydropower licenses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 1989. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the minimum low-income housing tax credit rate for unsubsidized buildings and to provide a minimum 4 percent credit rate for existing buildings; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BURR, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. TESTER, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 1990. A bill to require the Transportation Security Administration to comply with the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE:

S. 1991. A bill to establish the National Endowment for the Oceans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BROWN of Ohio (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 1992. A bill to provide flexibility of certain transit functions to local entities; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 1993. A bill to posthumously award a Congressional Gold Medal to Lena Horne in recognition of her achievements and contributions to American culture and the civil rights movement; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 1994. A bill to prohibit deceptive practices in Federal elections; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. KOHL, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 1995. A bill to enhance Food and Drug Administration oversight of medical device recalls, to provide for the conditional clearance of certain medical devices, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 431

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the names of the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS), the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG), the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN), the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS), the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON) and the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) were added as cosponsors of S. 431, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 225th anniversary of the establishment of the Nation's first Federal law enforcement agency, the United States Marshals Service.

S. 506

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) 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. 534

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 534, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a reduced rate of excise tax on beer produced domestically by certain small producers.

S. 547

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 547, a bill to direct the Secretary of Education to establish an award program recognizing excellence exhibited by public school system employees providing services to students in pre-kindergarten through higher education.