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MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY) reported that he had signed the following enrolled bill, which was previously signed by the Speaker pro tempore of the House (Mr. THORNBERRY):

S. 611. An act to make a technical amendment to the T'uf Shur Bien Preservation Trust Area Act, and for other purposes.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 2422. A bill to improve the access of veterans to medical services from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, June 3, 2014, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 611. An act to make a technical amendment to the T'uf Shur Bien Preservation Trust Area Act, 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-5890. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Warfighter Information Network-Tactical Increment 3 program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5891. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of an officer authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of lieutenant general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777a, for a period not to exceed 14 days before assuming the duties of the position for which the higher grade is authorized; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5892. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of two (2) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of brigadier general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5893. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral William L. Copeman III, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5894. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral Charles W. Martoglio, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5895. A communication from the Senior Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Exchange of Mutilated Paper Currency" (31 CFR Part 100) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 2, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5896. 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 "Corrections and Clarifications to the Export Administration Regulations; Conforming Changes to the EAR based on Amendments to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations" (RIN0694-AG11) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 29, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5897. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to the United Kingdom; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5898. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Financial Stability Oversight Council 2014 annual report to Congress; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5899. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-339, "Underinsured Motorist Carrier Fairness Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5900. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-340, "Breastmilk Bank and Lactation Support Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5901. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-341, "Comprehensive Code of Conduct and BEGA Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5902. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Administrative Wage Garnishment" (RIN3206-AM89) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 2, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5903. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5904. A communication from the Director, Corporation for National and Community Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General and the Corporation for National and Community Service's Report on Final Action for the period from October 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5905. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; FAR Case 2012-016, Defense Base Act" (RIN9000-AM50) received in the Office

of the President of the Senate on June 2, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5906. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; FAR Case 2012-028, Contractor Comment Period, Past Performance Evaluations" (RIN9000-AM40) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 2, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5907. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; FAR Case 2012-017, Expansion of Applicability of the Senior Executive Compensation Benchmark" (RIN9000-AM38) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 2, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5908. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; FAR Case 2014-016, Repeal of the Recovery Act Reporting Requirements" (RIN9000-AM77) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 2, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5909. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; FAR Case 2012-024, Commercial and Government Entity Code" (RIN9000-AM49) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 2, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5910. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-74, Introduction" (FAC 2005-74) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 2, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5911. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-74, Small Entity Compliance Guide" (FAC 2005-74) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 2, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5912. A communication from the Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2013, through March 31, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5913. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5914. A communication from the Federal Co-Chair, Appalachian Regional Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October

1, 2013 through March 31, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5915. A communication from the Chairwoman of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5916. A communication from the Chairman of the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5917. A communication from the Acting Director of the Peace Corps, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period of October 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-241. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of Rockland County, New York, urging the United States Congress to pass H.R. 4065 and S. 2032—The Smartphone Theft Protection Act; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

POM-242. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of Rockland County, New York, expressing support for the energetic advocacy of federal representatives for increasing the strictness of the regulations that govern rail transport of hazardous liquids; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

POM-243. A resolution adopted by the Council of the City of Santa Ana, California, expressing support for comprehensive federal immigration reform and urging the 113th Congress to enact reforms that secure our borders, ensure economic strength, and promote stronger communities; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-244. A resolution approved by the Town Board, Town of Jefferson, Wisconsin, supporting the passage of an amendment to the United States Constitution regarding constitutional rights and political spending; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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. MCCONNELL (for himself, Mr. ENZI, Mr. THUNE, Mr. PAUL, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. VITTER, and Mrs. FISCHER):

S. 2414. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to prohibit the regulation of emissions of carbon dioxide from new or existing power plants under certain circumstances; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. CRUZ:

S. 2415. A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to eliminate limitations on direct contributions to candidates, to require disclosure of certain con-

tributions within 24 hours of receipt, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. CRUZ:

S. 2416. A bill to apply laws that restrict the political speech of American citizens to media corporations; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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

S. 2417. A bill to provide greater controls and restriction on revolving door lobbying; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself and Ms. WARREN):

S. 2418. A bill to amend title 11 and title 29, United States Code, to increase the amount of unsecured claims for salaries and wages given priority in bankruptcy, to provide for payments to retirees to compensate for lost health insurance benefits resulting from the bankruptcy of their former employer, to protect the health benefits of employees and retirees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. TOOMEY:

S. 2419. A bill to protect America's veterans from dishonesty and malfeasance in the delivery of medical services and to hold the Department of Veterans Affairs accountable to those they serve; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. FISCHER:

S. 2420. A bill to amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to increase transparency in Federal budgeting, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Budget.

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

S. 2421. A bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2151 et seq.) to reform the Food for Peace Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. BEGICH, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. Kaine, Mr. REED, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. CASEY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. SCHATZ, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. BROWN, Ms. HEITKAMP, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SCHUMER, and Ms. HIRONO):

S. 2422. A bill to improve the access of veterans to medical services from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN:

S. 2423. A bill to improve wait times for appointments for hospital care, medical services, and other health care from the Department of Veterans Affairs, to improve accountability of employees responsible for long wait times for such appointments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. COBURN, Mr. BURR, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. COATS, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. JOHANNES, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. KIRK, Mr. WICKER, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. MORAN, Mr. THUNE, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. 2424. A bill to provide veterans with the choice of medical providers and to increase transparency and accountability of operations of the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

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

S. Res. 464. A resolution designating June 2014 as "National Aphasia Awareness Month" and supporting efforts to increase awareness of aphasia; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself and Mrs. MCCASKILL):

S. Res. 465. A resolution commemorating the centennial of Webster University; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. Res. 466. A resolution designating the week of October 27 through November 2, 2014, as "National Drug Take-Back Week", and designating October 2014 as "National Prescription Opioid and Heroin Abuse Awareness Month"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 162

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 162, a bill to reauthorize and improve the Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act of 2004.

S. 429

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 429, a bill to enable concrete masonry products manufacturers to establish, finance, and carry out a coordinated program of research, education, and promotion to improve, maintain, and develop markets for concrete masonry products.

S. 539

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 539, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to foster more effective implementation and coordination of clinical care for people with pre-diabetes and diabetes.

S. 709

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. SCHATZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 709, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to increase diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, leading to better care and outcomes for Americans living with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

S. 895

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 895, a bill to improve the ability of the Food and Drug Administration to study the use of antimicrobial drugs in food-producing animals.

S. 1011

At the request of Mr. JOHANNES, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr.