

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

The President pro tempore (Mr. HATCH) reported that he had signed the following enrolled joint resolution, which was previously signed by the Speaker of the House:

S.J. Res. 8. Joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Labor Relations Board relating to representation case procedures.

At 2:23 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 and joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2. An act to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare sustainable growth rate and strengthen Medicare access by improving physician payments and making other improvements, to reauthorize the Children's Health Insurance Program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1527. An act to accelerate the income tax benefits for charitable cash contributions for the relief of the families of New York Police Department Detectives Wenjian Liu and Rafael Ramos, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 10. A joint resolution providing for the reappointment of David M. Rubenstein as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

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. 31. Concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives.

H. Con. Res. 32. Concurrent resolution providing for a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate.

The message further announced that pursuant to sections 5580 and 5581 of the revised statutes (20 U.S.C. 42–43), and the order of the House of January 6, 2015, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution: Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas and Mr. COLE of Oklahoma.

The message also announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2761, and the order of the House of January 6, 2015, the Speaker appoints the following Members on the part of the House of Representatives to the British-American Interparliamentary Group: Mr. CRENSHAW of Florida, Chairman, Mr. LATTA of Ohio, Mr. ADERHOLT of Alabama, Mr. HOLDING of North Carolina, Mr. WHITFIELD of Kentucky, and Mr. ROE of Tennessee.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 3056 of the Carl Levin and Howard P. "Buck" McKeon National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 (Public Law 113–291), and the order of the House of January 6, 2015, the Speaker appoints the following individuals on the part of the House of Representatives to the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Women's History Museum: Mrs. Kathy Wills Wright of

Arlington, Virginia, and the Honorable Marilyn Musgrave of Ft. Morgan, Colorado.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

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

S. 125. A bill to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to extend the authorization of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program through fiscal year 2020, and for other purposes.

S. 665. A bill to encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout the United States in order to disseminate information when a law enforcement officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty, is missing in connection with the officer's official duties, or an imminent and credible threat that an individual intends to cause the serious injury or death of a law enforcement officer is received, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

Mr. CORKER. Mr. President, for the Committee on Foreign Relations 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.

Foreign Service nominations beginning with Joyce A. Barr and ending with Nancy E. McElwain, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 13, 2015.

Foreign Service nominations beginning with Karen L. Freeman and ending with Monica Stein-Olson, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 13, 2015.

Foreign Service nominations beginning with Jeffrey N. Bakken and ending with Ellen Marie Zehr, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 13, 2015. (minus 2 nominees: David J. Barth; R. Douglass Arbuckle)

Foreign Service nominations beginning with Gregory Adams and ending with Todd R. Ziccarelli, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 13, 2015. (minus 4 nominees: Eric N. Rumpf; Daniel Sylvester Cronin; Douglas A. Koneff; Daniel Menco Hirsch)

Foreign Service nominations beginning with Alexious Butler and ending with Naida Zecevic Bean, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 26, 2015. (minus 2 nominees: David Elliott Horton III; Victoria L Mitchell)

Foreign Service nominations beginning with Adam Michael Branson and ending with Marc C. Gilkey, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 26, 2015.

(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 (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. 868. A bill to establish a fund to make payment to the Americans held hostage in Iran, and to members of their families, who are identified as members of the proposed class in case number 1:00-CV-03110 (ESG) of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself, Mr. MANCHIN, and Mr. DONNELLY):

S. 869. A bill to improve energy performance in Federal buildings, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 870. A bill to require rulemaking by the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to address considerations in evaluating the need for public and individual disaster assistance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself, Mr. HELLER, Mrs. CAPITO, and Mr. PAUL):

S. 871. A bill to provide for an application process for interested parties to apply for an area to be designated as a rural area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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

S. 872. A bill to provide for the recognition of certain Native communities and the settlement of certain claims under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 873. A bill to designate the wilderness within the Lake Clark National Park and Preserve in the State of Alaska as the Jay S. Hammond Wilderness Area; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. RUBIO:

S. 874. A bill to restore Second Amendment rights in the District of Columbia; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. FISCHER:

S. 875. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to strengthen equal pay requirements; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ROBERTS:

S. 876. A bill to amend the Commodity Exchange Act to specify how clearing requirements apply to certain affiliate transactions; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself and Mr. PAUL):

S. 877. A bill to establish a pilot grant program to assist State and local law enforcement agencies in purchasing body-worn cameras for law enforcement officers; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. KING, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. MARKEY, and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. 878. A bill to establish a State residential building energy efficiency upgrades loan pilot program; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 879. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an income tax credit for eldercare expenses; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself, Mr. MARKEY, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 880. A bill to expand project eligibility to certain public infrastructure projects under chapter 6 of title 23, United States Code; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. CRAPO:

S. 881. A bill to ensure that Federal financial regulators perform a comprehensive review of regulations to identify outdated or otherwise unnecessary regulatory requirements imposed on financial institutions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. REED):

S. 882. A bill to amend part A of title II of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 883. A bill to facilitate the reestablishment of domestic, critical mineral designation, assessment, production, manufacturing, recycling, analysis, forecasting, workforce, education, and research capabilities in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BLUNT:

S. 884. A bill to improve access to emergency medical services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. WARREN (for herself, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. AYOTTE, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 885. A bill to direct the Architect of the Capitol to place in the United States Capitol a chair honoring American Prisoners of War/Missing in Action; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. UDALL:

S. 886. A bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to provide for a smart energy and water efficiency pilot program; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself and Mrs. FISCHER):

S. 887. A bill to amend the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Organization Act to provide incentives for the reallocation of Federal Government spectrum for commercial use, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 888. A bill to promote Federal-State partnerships for developing regional energy strategies and plans to mitigate risks in changing energy systems, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. PAUL (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 889. A bill to provide regulatory relief to alternative fuel producers and consumers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. TESTER, and Mr. UDALL):

S. 890. A bill to amend title 54, United States Code, to provide consistent and reliable authority for, and for the funding of, the Land and Water Conservation Fund to maximize the effectiveness of the Fund for future generations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. FRANKEN, and Mrs. McCASKILL):

S. 891. A bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to facilitate the administration and enforcement of antidumping and countervailing duty orders, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself and Mr. BROWN):

S. 892. A bill to provide the Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, and the Department of the Treasury with authority to more aggressively enforce customs and trade laws relating to textile and apparel articles, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 893. A bill to establish an Energy Productivity Innovation Challenge (EPIC) to assist energy policy innovation in the States to promote the goal of doubling electric and thermal energy productivity by January 1, 2030; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. HOEVEN):

S. 894. A bill to support innovation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. TESTER:

S. 895. A bill to allow members of the Armed Forces to defer principal on Federal student loans for a certain period in connection with receipt of orders for mobilization for war or national emergency, 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. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. RUBIO):

S. Res. 116. A resolution providing for free and fair elections in Burma; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. TILLIS:

S. Res. 117. A resolution recognizing linemen, the profession of linemen, the contributions of these brave men and women who protect public safety, and expressing support for the designation of March 31, 2015, as National Lineman Appreciation Day; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MERKLEY:

S. Res. 118. A resolution amending rule XXXI of the Standing Rules for the Senate, to provide for timely consideration of nominations; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself and Mr. UDALL):

S. Res. 119. A resolution amending rule XXVIII of the Standing Rules for the Senate to provide for timely establishment of conference committees; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself and Mr. UDALL):

S. Res. 120. A resolution modifying extended debate in the Senate to improve the legislative process; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself and Mr. UDALL):

S. Res. 121. A resolution amending rule XV of the Standing Rules of the Senate to provide for consideration of a minimum number of amendments; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself and Mr. UDALL):

S. Res. 122. A resolution amending rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate to limit debate on motions to proceed; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. MERKLEY:

S. Res. 123. A resolution providing for consideration of changes to rules for the proceedings of the Senate; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. CARDIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. REID, Mr. TESTER, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. DAINES, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. CRAPO, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. Res. 125. A resolution designating the first week of April 2015 as "National Asbestos Awareness Week"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. Res. 126. A resolution providing for members on the part of the Senate of the Joint Committee on Printing and the Joint Committee of Congress on the Library; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. TOOMEY):

S. Res. 127. A resolution recognizing the 250th anniversary of the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. Res. 128. A resolution supporting the designation of March 2015, as "National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BOOKER (for himself and Mr. TOOMEY):

S. Res. 129. A resolution designating May 4, 2015, as National Food Protein-Induced Enterocolitis Syndrome (FPIES) Awareness Day; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BURR (for himself and Mrs. BOXER):

S. Res. 130. A resolution designating March 29, 2015, as "Vietnam Veterans Day"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BURR (for himself and Mrs. BOXER):

S. Res. 131. A resolution designating April 5, 2015, as "Gold Star Wives Day"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WICKER (for himself and Mr. COCHRAN):

S. Res. 132. A resolution designating the week of April 5 through April 11, 2015, as "National Association of Junior Auxiliaries Week"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BOOKER, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. MARKEY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. REED, Mr. UDALL, and Ms. WARREN):

S. Res. 124. A resolution honoring the accomplishments and legacy of Cesar Estrada Chavez; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 48

At the request of Mr. SASSE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 48, a bill to prohibit discrimination against the unborn on the basis of sex or gender, and for other purposes.

S. 50

At the request of Mr. SASSE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 50, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in governmental activities.