

REMEMBERING RUSS ROURKE

• Mr. MILLER. Mr. President, I note with deep regret the recent passing of a dedicated public official, defense leader, and a fellow Marine, Russell A. Rourke.

From his humble beginnings in the Bronx, Russ Rourke put himself through the University of Maryland and Georgetown Law School. Through hard work and perseverance, he went on to great success here on Capitol Hill, at the White House, the Pentagon, and later in the private sector.

He served as a top legislative aide in the Congress for 20 years, was a Special Assistant to President Ford, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs, and Secretary of the Air Force under President Ronald Reagan.

Despite these many high honors, Russ made it clear that the highest honor he ever hoped to attain was when he earned the right to wear the eagle, globe and anchor. Throughout his life, nothing else transcended the honor and title of United States Marine. He revered the Marine Corps, its way of life, its traditions and values.

Russ was on active duty in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1953 to 1956, including service in Korea. He remained in an active capacity with the Marine Corps Reserve, and retired after 32 years of service with the rank of colonel in July 1985.

Throughout his career, Russ was recognized as a proponent for a strong national defense. When he served in the Reagan administration as Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs, he was once described by the New York Times as Defense Secretary Cap Weinberger's "chief scout and musket loader in defending the military budget against a siege of skeptics in Congress."

As in my life, Russ Rourke's life experience were embodied in the Marine Corps culture and ethos. In all that he did, he conducted himself at all times as foremost a Marine, with honesty and conviction, with a high sense of duty and great pride. His devotion to family, country, and Corps was legendary and an inspiration. His distinguished career demonstrated the highest standards of integrity, professionalism, and devotion to public service.

Russ died at the age of 71 on January 19 after a lengthy battle with malignant melanoma. He leaves his lovely wife and partner of 41 years, Judith Muller Rourke, of Annapolis, MD, their three married daughters, and four grandchildren. Russ also leaves a Marine Corps legacy. His nephew, Col. Arthur White, is the current State liaison for the Marine Corps.

I am extremely proud of my fellow Marine, the Honorable Russell A. Rourke. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends, many in the House and the Senate, and the men and women in the uniformed services. Our Nation's military might is stronger today because of his sterling leadership and his numerous contributions in service to his country. •

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of January 7, 2003, the Secretary of the Senate, on February 18, 2003, during the recess of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill.

H.J. Res. 2. A joint resolution making consolidated appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003, and for other purposes.

Under the authority of the order of January 7, 2003, the enrolled bill was signed by the Acting President pro tempore (Mr. FRIST) on February 19, 2003.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill, previously received from the House of Representatives for concurrence, was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 337. An act to extend certain hydroelectric licenses in the State of Alaska.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 3. A bill to prohibit the procedure commonly known as partial-birth abortion.

S. 13. A bill to provide financial security to family farm and small business owners by ending the unfair practice of taxing someone at death.

S. 414. A bill to provide an economic stimulus package, and for other purposes.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. GRASSLEY, without amendment:

S. Res. 61. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Finance.

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. AKAKA:

S. 427. A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to assist States and communities in preparing for and responding to threats to the agriculture of the United States; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. BAUCUS:

S. 428. A bill to provide for the distribution of judgment funds to the Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Reservation; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. LEVIN):

S. 429. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to regulate certain 50 caliber sniper weapons in the same manner as machine guns and other firearms, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. AKAKA:

S. 430. A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to enhance agricultural biosecurity in the United States through increased prevention, preparation, and response planning; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. VOINOVICH:

S. 431. A bill to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to impose certain limits on the receipt of out-of-State municipal solid waste; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. CRAIG:

S. 432. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct and support research into alternative treatments for timber produced from public lands and lands withdrawn from the public domain for the National Forest System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. GRASSLEY:

S. Res. 61. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Finance; from the Committee on Finance; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. ENSIGN (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM of Florida, Mr. FRIST, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. KYL, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. REID, and Mr. SANTORUM):

S. Res. 62. A resolution calling upon the Organization of American States (OAS) Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the European Union, and human rights activists throughout the world to take certain actions in regard to the human rights situation in Cuba; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. INHOFE:

S. Res. 63. A resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Environment and Public Works; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 3

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. SUNUNU), the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) and the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) were added as cosponsors of S. 3, a bill to prohibit the procedure commonly known as partial-birth abortion.

S. 56

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the names of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) and the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE) were added as cosponsors of S. 56, a bill to restore health care coverage to retired members of the uniformed services.

S. 68

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 68, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve benefits for Filipino veterans of World War II, and for other purposes.