

PENSION PROTECTION ACT OF 2005

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 357, H.R. 2830.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will state the bill by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 2830) to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform the pension funding rules, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the amendment at the desk, which is the text of S. 1783 as passed by the Senate, be agreed to, the bill, as amended, be read the third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and the Senate insist upon its amendment and request a conference with the House, and the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees at a ratio of 9 to 7.

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

The amendment (No. 2901) was agreed to.

(The amendment is printed in today's RECORD under "Text of Amendments.")

The bill (H.R. 2830), as amended, was read the third time and passed.

The Presiding Officer appointed Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HATCH, Mr. LOTT, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. ENZI, Mr. GREGG, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. HARKIN, and Ms. MIKULSKI conferees on the part of the Senate.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, this also is a major step forward, as colleagues have been participating and watching the debate over the course of the day, to bring to conclusion another issue that has been pending. But the fact we have been able to reach this resolution today advances a very important issue—one that is time sensitive.

We had originally requested 7 to 5. As my colleagues know, the Democratic leader insisted on an 8-to-6 ratio. The 9-to-7 ratio we agreed to does allow us to have equal representation from the Finance and HELP Committees. As I repeatedly insisted, it is important we not stack the deck in favor or against either committee. Through mutual agreement, we have reached that objective.

I do have to add, it is unfortunate it took so long and we had to have so much discussion to get to conference on an issue so important to the 44 million Americans out there who right now are working in an uncertain environment as we address this defined benefits pension system.

Now is the time for our conferees to get to work, and I am confident they will be able to produce a conference report that is satisfactory to both sides of the aisle.

THE CALENDAR

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar Nos. 330 through 332, Calendar Nos. 334 through 350, Calendar No. 362, H.R. 4515, and H.R. 1287, all postal-naming bills, en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the Senate will proceed to the measures en bloc.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bills be read a third time and passed, and that the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table en bloc.

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

WILLIAM H. EMERY POST OFFICE

The bill (S. 1445) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 520 Colorado Avenue in Arriba, Colorado, as the "William H. Emery Post Office," was read the third time and passed, as follows:

S. 1445

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. WILLIAM H. EMERY POST OFFICE.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 520 Colorado Avenue in Arriba, Colorado, shall be known and designated as the "William H. Emery Post Office".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the "William H. Emery Post Office".

GRANT W. GREEN POST OFFICE BUILDING

The bill (S. 1792) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 205 West Washington Street in Knox, Indiana, as the "Grant W. Green Post Office Building," was read the third time and passed, as follows:

S. 1792

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. GRANT W. GREEN POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 205 West Washington Street in Knox, Indiana, shall be known and designated as the "Grant W. Green Post Office Building".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Grant W. Green Post Office Building".

DEWEY F. BARTLETT POST OFFICE

The bill (S. 1820) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6110 East 51st Place in Tulsa, Oklahoma, as the "Dewey F.

Bartlett Post Office," was read the third time and passed, as follows:

S. 1820

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. DEWEY F. BARTLETT POST OFFICE.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6110 East 51st Place in Tulsa, Oklahoma, shall be known and designated as the "Dewey F. Bartlett Post Office".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Dewey F. Bartlett Post Office".

MALCOLM MELVILLE "MAC" LAWRENCE POST OFFICE

The bill (S. 2064) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 122 South Bill Street in Franceville, Indiana, as the "Malcolm Melville 'Mac' Lawrence Post Office", was read the third time and passed, as follows:

S. 2064

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. MALCOLM MELVILLE "MAC" LAWRENCE POST OFFICE.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 122 South Bill Street in Franceville, Indiana, shall be known and designated as the "Malcolm Melville 'Mac' Lawrence Post Office".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Malcolm Melville 'Mac' Lawrence Post Office".

HIRAM L. FONG POST OFFICE BUILDING

The bill (S. 2089) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1271 North King Street in Honolulu, Oahu, Hawaii, as the "Hiram L. Fong Post Office Building," was read the third time and passed, as follows:

S. 2089

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. HIRAM L. FONG POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1271 North King Street in Honolulu, Oahu, Hawaii, shall be known and designated as the "Hiram L. Fong Post Office Building".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Hiram L. Fong Post Office Building".

JOHN F. WHITESIDE JOLIET POST OFFICE BUILDING

The bill (H.R. 2113) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2000 McDonough