The program that brought these young role models to our attention—The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards—was created by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals to honor young volunteers that their contributions are critically important and highly valued, and to inspire other young people to follow their example. Over the past 11 years, the program has recognized more than 75,000 young volunteers at the local, State and national level.

Both Alyssa Bickoff and David Poritz should be extremely proud to have been singled out from the thousands of dedicated volunteers who participated in this year’s program. As part of their recognition, they will come to Washington in early May, along with 100 other young volunteers and community honorees from across the country, for several days of special events, including visits to their Senators’ offices on Capitol Hill.

I applaud both of them for their initiative in seeking to make their communities better places to live, and for the positive impact they have had on the lives of others. I also would like to salute other young people in my State who were named Distinguished Finalists by The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards for their outstanding volunteer service. They are: Matthew Chase of Dover-Sherborn High School in Dover; Kelsey Chisholm of Lynnfield High School in Upton, and Courtney Mota, Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School of Rehoboth.

All of these young people have demonstrated a level of commitment and accomplishment that is truly extraordinary in today’s world, and deserve our sincere admiration and respect. Their actions encourage other young Americans can—and do—play important roles in their communities, and that America’s community spirit continues to hold tremendous promise for the future.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:21 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 487. An act to amend the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Equitable Compensation Act to provide compensation to members of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe for damage resulting from the Oahe Dam and Reservoir Project, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1025. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of implementing a water supply and conservation project to improve water supply reliability, increase the availability of water storage, improve water management efficiency in the Republican River Basin between Harlan County Lake in Nebraska and Milford Lake in Kansas.

H.R. 110. An act to modify the boundaries of Grand Teton National Park to include certain land within the GT Park Subdivision, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1114. An act to require the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation and the United States Geological Survey, to conduct a study on ground-water resources in the State of Alaska, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1140. An act to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to ensure that, to the extent possible, an enhanced-use lease for a homeless housing project at the Department of Veterans Affairs facility known as the Sepulveda Ambulatory Care Center, located in North Hills, California, shall provide that such housing project shall be maintained as a sober living facility for veterans only, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1377. An act to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the design, planning, and construction of permanent facilities for the GREAT project to reclaim, reuse, and treat impaired waters in the area of Oxnard, California.

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


At 5:07 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, which is an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:


The message further announced that the House insists upon its amendment to the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 21) as an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 30. An act to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Eastern Municipal Water District Recycled Water System Pressurization and Expansion Project.

H.R. 407. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of establishing the Columbia-Pacific National Heritage Area in the States of Washington and Oregon, and for other purposes.

Ordered, that Mr. SPRATT, Ms. DeLAURO, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. RYAN of
Wisconsin, and Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina be the managers of the conference on the part of the House.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 30. An act to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facili- ties Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Eastern Munic- ipal Water District Recycled Water System Pressurization and Expansion Project; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Re- sources.

H.R. 407. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to construct a study to determine the feasibility of establishing the Columbia-Pacific National Heritage Area in the States of Washington and Oregon, and for other pur- poses; to the Committee on Energy and Natu- ral Resources.

H.R. 497. An act to amend the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Equitable Compensation Act to provide compensation to members of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe for damage resulting from the Oake Dam and Reservoir Project, and for other purposes; to the Com- mittee on Indian Affairs.

H.R. 542. An act to authorize the Secre- tary, in cooperation with the City of San Juan Capistrano, California, to participate in the design, planning, and construction of an advanced wastewater treatment plant facility and recycled water system, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1141. An act to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to ensure that, to the extent possible, an enhanced-use lease for a homeless housing project at the Department of Veterans Affairs facility known as the Sepulveda Ambulatory Care Center, located in North Hills, California, shall provide that such housing project shall be maintained as a sober living facility for veterans only, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Vet- erans’ Affairs.

H.R. 1737. An act to amend the Reclama- tion Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the design, planning, and construction of permanent fa- cilities that will provide for the safe treatment, reclaim- rese, and treat impaired waters in the area of Oxnard, California; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and doc- uments, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1819. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of Defense, trans- mitting, pursuant to law, the legislative pro- posals relative to the National Defense Au- thorization Bill for fiscal year 2008; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1820. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Tech- nology and Logistics), transmitting, pursu- ant to law, a report relative to the specific number of technical and non-technical effort to be allocated for each defense Federally Funded Research and Development Center during fiscal year 2008; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1821. A communication from the Chief, Programs and Legislation Division, Depart- ment of the Air Force, transmitting, pursu- ant to law, the report of the initiation of a multi-function standard competition of the Communications-Information Support Flight at Patrick Air Force Base, Florida; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1822. A communication from the Coun- sel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, De- partment of Housing and Urban Develop- ment, transmitting, pursuant to law, the re- port of a rule entitled “Certification and Funding of State and Local Fair Housing En- forcement Agencies” ((RIN2599- AA90)(Docket No. FR–7476–F–02)) received on May 7, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1823. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administra- tion, Department of Transportation, trans- mitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 737–300, –400, –500, –600, –700, –800 and –900 Series Airplanes; and Model 737–200 and –300 Series Airplanes” ((RIN2129– AA64)(Docket No. 2006–NM–070)) received on May 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1824. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administra- tion, Department of Transportation, trans- mitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Colum- bia–450, Columbia–550, and Columbia–650 Series Airplanes” ((RIN2129–AA64)(Docket No. 2006–NM–104)) received on May 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1825. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administra- tion, Department of Transportation, trans- mitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Colum- bia–550 and Columbia–650 Series Airplanes” ((RIN2129–AA64)(Docket No. 2007–CE–025)) received on May 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1826. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administra- tion, Department of Transportation, trans- mitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 777 Airplanes” ((RIN2129– AA64)(Docket No. 2007–NM–001)) received on May 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1827. A communication from the Pro- gram Analyst, Federal Aviation Administra- tion, Department of Transportation, trans- mitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Gulf- stream Aerospace LP Model Gulfstream 200 Airplanes” ((RIN2129–AA64)(Docket No. 2007– NM–029)) received on May 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1828. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administra- tion, Department of Transportation, trans- mitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Honey- well Flight Management Systems Supported by Honeywell’s Surveillance Systems” ((RIN2129–AA64)(Docket No. 2007–NM–090)) received on May 7, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

S. 1312. A bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to ensure the right of employ- ees to a secret-ballot election conducted by the National Labor Relations Board.

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous con- sent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 1080. An act to modify the boundaries of Grand Teton National Park to include cer- tain land within the GT Park Subdivision, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Interior.

H.R. 1141. An act to require the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation and the United States Geologi- cal Survey, to conduct a study on ground- water resources in the State of Alaska, and for other purposes.