also helped establish volunteer fire departments and a community water system. He serves as president of Alpine Water Association and the Alpine Fire Department. He is a member of the Farm Credit Board, and serves on the State board of Arkansas Farm Bureau. Additionally, he is a certified first responder.

My home State of Arkansas is fortunate to have men and women of Troy Buck’s caliber who devote their lives to providing excellent education for our children and improving the quality of life in our communities. I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Troy Buck for his commitment and service to the State of Arkansas.

TRIBUTE TO DEACON JOSEPH T. LAZO

Mr. VITTER. Madam President, I rise today to recognize Deacon Joseph T. Lazo for receiving the 2007 Connie M. Hulsey Community Volunteer award presented at the Angels Among Us banquet. I would like to take some time to talk about this great honor.

Deacon Joe Lazo is the director of the Covington Food Bank/St. Vincent de Paul Society. He has been known throughout the community as someone who works vigorously to provide many services day and night to those in need. In 2001, Deacon Joe and the St. Vincent de Paul Society worked tirelessly to set up a free medical and dental clinic in the Covington area. Through all of these programs, Deacon Joe Lazo has tremendously helped the needy citizens of the Saint Tammany, Tangipahoa, and Washington Parishes.

I applaud Deacon Joseph Lazo on receiving this well-deserved recognition, and I wish him continued success in helping the citizens of the Northshore.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 1:33 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 bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 890. An act to establish requirements for lenders and institutions of higher education in order to protect students and other borrowers receiving educational loans.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 28. Concurrent resolution congratulating the City of Chicago for being chosen to represent the United States in the international competition to host the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games, and encouraging the City of Chicago to select Chicago as the site of the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H. R. 890. An act to establish requirements for lenders and institutions of higher education in order to protect students and other borrowers receiving educational loans; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

H. R. 2080. An act to amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to conform the District charter to revisions made by the Council of the District of Columbia relating to public education.

S. 3488. A bill to provide for comprehensive immigration reform 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–1876. A communication from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the rule entitled “Directions to Clearing Firms” (72 FR 16269) received on May 8, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–1877. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Bacillus Thuringiensis Vip3Aa19 Protein in Cotton; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance” (FRL No. 8125–3) received on May 8, 2007; to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his colleagues.

EC–1880. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Enforcement of the Emergency Exemption” (FRL No. 8127–3) received on May 8, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–1881. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Flufenacet; Pesticide Tolerance” (FRL No. 8125–5) received on May 8, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–1882. A communication from the Chair, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Anti-discrimination Act in the Educational, Technical Assistance and Training revolving fund; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC–1883. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology), transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the Department’s Chemical Demilitarization Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC–1884. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, the report of the authorization of Colonel Michael S. Repass to wear the authorized insignia of the grade of brigadier general in accordance with Title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC–1885. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of General Counsel, received on May 8, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–1886. A communication from the Assistant Chief Counsel, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Hazardous Materials Transportation; Miscellaneous Revisions to Registration and Fee Assessment Program” (RIN 2120–AA11) received on May 8, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–1887. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A318, A319, A320, and A321 Airplanes” (RIN 21220–AA94)(Docket No. 2006–NM–199) received on May 8, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.


EC–1889. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A330 B2 and B4 Series Airplanes Equipped with General Electric CF6–50 Engines” (RIN 21220–AA69)(Docket No. 2006–NM–183) received on May 8, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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