(b) amount of expense;

(c) product or service provided; and

(d) the person incurring the expense (payee).

Each sheet must be signed by the Senate employee receiving cash and an authorizing official (i.e., someone other than the employee(s) authorized to certify vouchers). Original receipts or facsimiles must accompany the itemization sheet for petty cash expenses over $50.

Section 9. Petty cash funds should be used for the following incidental expenses:

(a) postage;

(b) delivery expenses;

(c) interdepartmental transportation (reimbursements for parking, taxi, subway, bus, privately owned automobile (p.o.a.), etc.;

(d) single copies of publications (not subscriptions);

(e) office supplies not available in the Senate Stationery Room; and

(f) official telephone calls made from a staff member's residence or toll charges incurred within a staff member's duty station.

Petty cash funds should not be used for the procurement of equipment.

Section 10. Committees are encouraged to maintain a separate checking account only for the purpose of a petty cash fund and with a balance not in excess of $300.

Section 11. Vouchers for the reimbursement of official travel expenses to a committee chairman or member, officer, employee, contractor, detailee, or witness shall be accompanied by an ''Expense Summary Report—Travel'' signed by such person. Vouchers for the reimbursement to any such individual for official expenses other than travel expenses shall be accompanied by an ''Expense Summary Report—Non-Travel'' signed by such person.

Appendix A: The Federal Tort Claims Act

Pursuant to the provisions of S. Res. 492, agreed to December 10, 1982, the Sergeant at Arms has the authority to consider and ascertain and, with the approval of the Committee on Rules and Administration, determine, compromise, adjust, and settle, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 171 of Title 28, United States Code (The Federal Tort Claims Act), any claim for money damages against the United States for injury or loss of property or personal injury or death caused by negligent or wrongful act or omission of any Member, Officer, or Employee of the Senate while acting within the scope of his/her employment. Any compromise, adjustment, or settlement of any such claim not exceeding $2,500 shall be paid from the contingent fund of the Senate on a voucher approved by the Chairman of the Committee on Rules and Administration.

Payments of awards, compromises, or settlements in excess of $2,500 are obtained by the agency by referring the award, compromise, or settlement to the General Accounting Office for payment. Appropriations of funds for the payment of judgments and compromises are made available for payment of awards, compromises, and settlements under the Federal Tort Claims Act.

However, any award under the Federal Tort Claims Act in excess of $25,000 cannot take effect except with the prior written approval of the Attorney General.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

ACKNOWLEDGING THE LOUISIANA HONORAIR

• Mr. VITTER. Madam President, today I acknowledge and honor a very special group, the Louisiana HonorAir. Louisiana HonorAir is a not-for-profit organization that flies as many as 200 World War II veterans up to Washington, DC, free of charge. On November 3, 2007, a group of 105 veterans and their guardians will reach Washington on this very special program.

While visiting Washington, DC, the veterans will tour sights, such as the Arlington National Cemetery, the Korean Memorial, and the World War II Memorial. The program provides many veterans with their only opportunity to see the great memorials dedicated to their service.

Thus, today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring these great Americans and thanking them for their devotion and service to our Nation.•

CELEBRATION OF QUILTS OF VALOR FOUNDATION

• Mr. CARPER. Madam President, today I wish to celebrate the Quilts of Valor Foundation. In a time when thousands of American families are sending their loved ones around the world to fight for the safety and security of all of us here at home, the Quilts of Valor Foundation has stepped forward to give something back to our wounded heroes. This foundation has pledged to sew and donate a Quilt of Valor to every servicemember wounded in the Iraq and Afghanistan wars. Their mission is to offer comfort and support to our wounded heroes.

An organization not about politics, but about people, the Quilts of Valor Foundation was established in November 2003 by Catherine Roberts of Seaford, DE, Since that time, thousands of volunteers from all over the United States have created over 13,000 quilts for our injured service men and women. With the help of military chaplains at medical centers throughout the United States, Europe and in Iraq and Afghanistan, the Quilts of Valor Foundation locates wounded soldiers and presents them with a hand-made quilt. That quilt is a symbol of the respect and honor that we as a country hold for them and their sacrifice.

The organization has two main missions which frame their important service to our country. First and foremost, the Quilts of Valor Foundation is dedicated to honoring those men and women who have been wounded, whether physically or psychologically, in Iraq and Afghanistan with a Quilt of Valor. Second, the Quilts of Valor Foundation hopes that by teaching young people to quilt and by spreading a culture of volunteerism, a new generation of Americans will become more civically involved and dedicated to bettering our Nation in whatever way they can.

I would like to acknowledge and sincerely thank Catherine Roberts, the Quilts of Valor Foundation, and all the volunteers, especially those in Delaware, who put so much time, money, effort, and love into every quilt to comfort our servicemembers and let them know how much we at home value their sacrifices.•

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

S. 2247. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the depreciation classification of motorsports entertainment complexes.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mrs. BOXER, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with amendments:

S. 1498. A bill to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to prohibit the import, export, transportation, sale, receipt, acquisition, or purchase in interstate or foreign commerce of any live animal of any prohibited wildlife species, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110–210).

By Mrs. BOXER, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works:

Report to accompany H.R. 50, a bill to reauthorize the African Elephant Conservation Act and the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act of 1994 (Rept. No. 110–211).

Report to accompany H.R. 465, a bill to reauthorize the Asian Elephant Conservation Act of 1997 (Rept. No. 110–212).

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. JOHNSON (for himself and Mr. COLEMAN):

S. 2252. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the deduction for host families of foreign exchange and other students from $50 per month to $200 per month, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BAYH (for himself and Mr. LUGAR):

S. 2253. A bill to provide adjustments in payment to certain hospitals under the Medicaid program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. COCHRAN:

S. 2254. A bill to establish the Mississippi Hills National Heritage Area in the State of Mississippi, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. INHOFE):

S. 2255. A bill to amend the National Trails System Act to provide for studies of the Chisholm Trail and Great Western Trail to determine whether to add the trails to the National Trails System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 2256. A bill to establish an Office of International and Domestic Product Safety and a Product Safety Coordinating Council to improve the management, coordination, promotion, and oversight of product safety responsibilities, develop a centralized public database for product recalls, advisories, and alerts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. DODD, Mr. LEAHY, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 2257. A bill to impose sanctions on officials of the State Peace and Development