

to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

At 7:29 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hanrahan, 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. 4351. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide individuals temporary relief from the alternative minimum tax, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 9:10 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following bills:

H.R. 365. An act to provide for a research program for remediation of closed methamphetamine production laboratories, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4252. An act to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 through May 23, 2008, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 123. An act to authorize appropriations for the San Gabriel Basin Restoration Fund; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 1413. To direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to address vulnerabilities in aviation security by carrying out a pilot program to screen airport workers with access to secure and sterile areas of airports, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 2601. An act to extend the authority of the Federal Trade Commission to collect fees to administer and enforce the provisions relating to the "Do-not-call" registry of the Telemarketing Sales Rule; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 3079. An act to amend the joint resolution that approved the covenant establishing the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 3541. To amend the Do-not-call Implementation Act to eliminate the automatic removal of telephone numbers registered on the Federal "do-not-call" registry; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 3739. An act to amend the Arizona Water Settlements Act to modify the requirements for the statement of findings; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

H.R. 3890. To amend the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003 to impose import sanctions on Burmese gemstones, expand the number of individuals against whom the visa ban is applicable, expand the blocking of assets and other prohibited activities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 3986. An act to amend the John F. Kennedy Center Act to authorize appropriations for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 4009. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 567 West Nepping Street in Lapeer, Michigan, as the "Turrill Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 4108. An act to amend section 3328 of title 5, United States Code, relating to Selective Service registration; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

The following concurrent resolutions were read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 215. Concurrent resolution supporting the designation of a week as "National Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Automated External Defibrillator Awareness Week"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H. Con. Res. 261. Concurrent resolution commemorating the centennial anniversary of the sailing of the Navy's "Great White Fleet," launched by President Theodore Roosevelt on December 16, 1907, from Hampton Roads, Virginia, and returning there on February 22, 1909; to the Committee on Armed Services.

H. Con. Res. 264. Concurrent resolution honoring the University of Hawaii for its 100 years of commitment to public higher education; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 2461. A bill to authorize the transfer of certain earmarked funds to accounts for operations and activities in Iraq and Afghanistan.

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-4330. A communication from the Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fair Credit Reporting Affiliate Marketing Regulations" (RIN3064-AC83) received on December 7, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4331. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Regulations (including 9 regulations beginning with CGD08-07-040)" (RIN1625-AB09) received on December 10, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4332. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulations (including 9 regulations beginning with CGD11-07-014)" (RIN1625-AB09) received on December 10, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4333. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulations (including 5 regulations beginning with CGD08-07-037)" (RIN1625-AB09) received on December 10, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4334. A communication from the Administrator, Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Corporation's annual financial audit and management report for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4335. A communication from the Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the National Source Tracking System; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4336. 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 "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Illinois; Source-Specific Revision for Cromwell-Phoenix, Incorporated" (FRL No. 8503-5) received on December 10, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4337. 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 "Clethodim; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8340-7) received on December 10, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4338. 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 "Finding of Failure to Attain; California—Imperial Valley Nonattainment Area; PM-10" (FRL No. 8504-2) received on December 10, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4339. 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 "Rhode Island: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions" (FRL No. 8504-4) received on December 10, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4340. 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 "Water Quality Standards for Puerto Rico" (FRL No. 8504-9) received on December 10, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4341. A communication from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4342. A communication from the General Counsel, Government and Accountability Office, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the number of federal agencies that did not fully implement a recommendation made by the Office in response to a bid protest during fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4343. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-190, "Neighborhood Investment Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2007" received on December 10, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4344. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia,

transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-186, "Washington Convention Center Authority Advisory Committee Continuity Temporary Amendment Act of 2007" received on December 10, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4345. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-185, "Closing Agreement Temporary Act of 2007" received on December 10, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4346. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-184, "Real Property Tax Benefits Revision Temporary Act of 2007" received on December 10, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4347. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-183, "East of the River Hospital Revitalization Temporary Amendment Act of 2007" received on December 10, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4348. A communication from the Chief Executive Officer, Millennium Challenge Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Corporation's Inspector General for the six-month period from April 1, 2007, to September 30, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4349. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-182, "Appointment of the Chief Medical Examiner Temporary Amendment Act of 2007" received on December 10, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4350. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-189, "Fire Hydrant Inspection, Repair, Maintenance, and Fire Preparedness Temporary Amendment Act of 2007" received on December 10, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4351. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-188, "East of the River Hospital Revitalization Tax Exemption Temporary Amendment Act of 2007" received on December 10, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4352. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-187, "Access to Youth Employment Programs Temporary Amendment Act of 2007" received on December 10, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4353. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-181, "Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act of 2007" received on December 10, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4354. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-180, "District of Columbia Consumer Protection Fund Act of 2007" received on December 10, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4355. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia,

transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-179, "Doubled Fines in Construction or Work Zones Amendment Act of 2007" received on December 10, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-268. A resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners for Miami-Dade County of the State of Florida urging the Florida Legislature to develop and implement a system for providing homeowners discounts on their property insurance if they install carbon monoxide detectors; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

POM-269. A resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners for Miami-Dade County of the State of Florida urging the Florida Legislature to pass legislation regulating crane operations; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

POM-270. A resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners for Miami-Dade County of the State of Florida opposing legislation that would preempt local governments from suing firms that rent hotel rooms over the Internet to recover unpaid bed taxes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mrs. BOXER, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 506. A bill to improve efficiency in the Federal Government through the use of high-performance green buildings, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-241).

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

S. 1429. A bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to reauthorize the provision of technical assistance to small public water systems (Rept. No. 110-242).

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

Report to accompany S. 1785, a bill to amend the Clean Air Act to establish deadlines by which the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency shall issue a decision on whether to grant certain waivers of preemption under that Act (Rept. No. 110-243).

By Mr. INOUE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 781. A bill to extend the authority of the Federal Trade Commission to collect Do-Not-Call Registry fees to fiscal years after fiscal year 2007 (Rept. No. 110-244).

By Mr. INOUE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with amendments:

S. 1965. A bill to protect children from cybercrimes, including crimes by online predators, to enhance efforts to identify and eliminate child pornography, and to help parents shield their children from material that is inappropriate for minors (Rept. No. 110-245).

By Mr. INOUE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation,

with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2096. A bill to amend the Do-Not-Call Implementation Act to eliminate the automatic removal of telephone numbers registered on the Federal "do-not-call" registry (Rept. No. 110-246).

By Mr. AKAKA, from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, without amendment:

S. 2004. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish epilepsy centers of excellence in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-247).

By Mr. KENNEDY, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 911. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to advance medical research and treatments into pediatric cancers, ensure patients and families have access to the current treatments and information regarding pediatric cancers, establish a population-based national childhood cancer database, and promote public awareness of pediatric cancers.

S. 1916. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to modify the program for the sanctuary system for surplus chimpanzees by terminating the authority for the removal of chimpanzees from the system for research purposes.

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. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. REED, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. HARKIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. DURBIN)):

S. 2452. A bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to provide protection to consumers with respect to certain high-cost loans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. ALEXANDER:

S. 2453. A bill to amend title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to clarify requirements relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of national origin; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. SPENCER, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 2454. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to protect the privacy rights of subscribers to wireless communications services; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. COLEMAN (for himself and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 2455. A bill to provide \$1,000,000,000 in emergency Community Development Block Grant funding for necessary expenses related to the impact of foreclosures on communities; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. REID (for Mrs. CLINTON (for herself and Mr. ROBERTS)):

S. 2456. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve and secure an adequate supply of influenza vaccine; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself and Mr. DODD):

S. 2457. A bill to provide for extensions of leases of certain land by Mashantucket