

and despicable act, and I hope that the perpetrator is brought to justice. After the theft, elderly and sick veterans at the center were preparing to adjust to watching their favorite movies, TV shows, and Milwaukee Brewers games on an older and smaller television, until a local businessman heard what had happened on the radio.

Michael Costigan, the general manager of the Waukesha Home Design Center and a veteran himself, was incensed by this incident, and decided to take action. He and the company's 25 employees, many of whom are also veterans, immediately made arrangements to donate a 52-inch flat-panel high-definition television to the Veterans Center. Just this morning, Mr. Costigan and other employees personally delivered the television to a group of ecstatic veterans, who will no longer suffer because of the inconsideration of another. I am pleased to hear that the residents have already set up their Nintendo Wii to play bowling.

I am highlighting this compelling story on the Senate floor today because of the example it sets for each and every one of us. The company has only been in business since November of last year, but they have already made a lasting impression on their local area. While we in Congress must do all that we can to support our nation's heroic and patriotic veterans, it is good to see that there are individuals and businesses caring for those who have given so much to defend our country's freedoms. My heartfelt gratitude and appreciation goes out to Michael Costigan and the Waukesha Home Design Center's employees for their work of selflessness and charity, and I wish them a bright future in all of their endeavors.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, 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 and a withdrawal which were referred to the appropriate committees.

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

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 1:15 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, 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. 2634. An act to provide for greater responsibility in lending and expanded cancellation of debts owed to the United States

and the international financial institutions by low-income countries, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3033. An act to improve Federal agency awards and oversight of contracts and assistance and to strengthen accountability of the government-wide suspension and debarment system.

H.R. 3721. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1190 Lorena Road in Lorena, Texas, as the "Marine Gunnery Sgt. John D. Fry Post Office Building".

H.R. 3928. An act to amend the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 to require certain recipients of Federal funds to disclose the names and total compensation of their most highly compensated officers, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4185. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11151 Valley Boulevard in El Monte, California, as the "Marisol Heredia Post Office Building".

H.R. 5479. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 117 North Kidd Street in Ionia, Michigan, as the "Alonzo Woodruff Post Office Building".

H.R. 5483. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10449 White Granite Drive in Oakton, Virginia, as the "Private First Class David H. Sharrett II Post Office Building".

H.R. 5528. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 120 Commercial Street in Brockton, Massachusetts, as the "Rocky Marciano Post Office Building".

H.R. 5613. An act to extend certain moratoria and impose additional moratoria on certain Medicaid regulations through April 1, 2009, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5712. An act to require disclosure by Federal contractors of certain violations relating to the award or performance of Federal contracts.

H.R. 5819. An act to amend the Small Business Act to improve the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program and the Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) program, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 2903. An act to amend Public Law 110-196 to provide for a temporary extension of programs authorized by the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 beyond April 25, 2008.

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

H. Con. Res. 322. Concurrent resolution recognizing the 60th anniversary of the founding of the modern State of Israel and reaffirming the bonds of close friendship and cooperation between the United States and Israel.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 6:11 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 enrolled bill:

S. 2903. An act to amend Public Law 110-196 to provide for a temporary extension of programs authorized by the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 beyond April 25, 2008.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the Acting President pro tempore (Mr. REID).

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 2634. An act to provide for greater responsibility in lending and expanded cancellation of debts owed to the United States and the international financial institutions by low-income countries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 3033. An act to improve Federal agency awards and oversight of contracts and assistance and to strengthen accountability of the Government-wide suspension and debarment system; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 3721. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1190 Lorena Road in Lorena, Texas, as the "Marine Gunnery Sgt. John D. Fry Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 3928. To amend the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 to require certain recipients of Federal funds to disclose the names and total compensation of their most highly compensated officers, and for other purpose; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 4185. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11151 Valley Boulevard in El Monte, California, as the "Marisol Heredia Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 5479. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 117 North Kidd Street in Ionia, Michigan, as the "Alonzo Woodruff Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 5483. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10449 White Granite Drive in Oakton, Virginia, as the "Private First Class David H. Sharrett II Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 5528. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 120 Commercial Street in Brockton, Massachusetts, as the "Rocky Marciano Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 5819. An act to amend the Small Business Act to improve the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program and the Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

H.R. 5613. To extend certain moratoria and impose additional moratoria on certain Medicaid regulations through April 1, 2009, and for other purposes.

S. 2920. A bill to reauthorize and improve the financing and entrepreneurial development programs of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, April 24, 2008, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill: