

amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

At 2:30 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Zapata, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2095) to amend title 49, United States Code, to prevent railroad fatalities, injuries and hazardous materials releases, to authorize the Federal Railroad Safety Administration, and for other purposes, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

At 3:07 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Zapata, 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. 2583. An act to amend title VII of the Public Health Service Act to establish a loan program for eligible hospitals to establish residency in training programs.

H.R. 3511. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2150 East Hardtner Drive in Urania, Louisiana, as the "Murphy A. Tannehill Post Office Building."

H.R. 5265. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for research with respect to various forms of muscular dystrophy, including Becker, congenital, distal, Duchenne, Emery-Dreifuss facioscapulohumeral, limb-girdle, myotonic, and oculopharyngeal, muscular dystrophies.

H.R. 6198. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1700 Cleveland Avenue in Kansas City, Missouri, as the "Reverend Earl Abel Post Office Building."

H.R. 6353. An act to amend the Controlled Substances Act to address online pharmacies.

H.R. 6406. An act to elevate the Inspector General of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission to an Inspector General appointed pursuant to section 3 of the Inspector General Act of 1978.

H.R. 6849. An act to amend the commodity provisions of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 to permit producers to aggregate base acres and reconstitute farms to avoid the prohibition on receiving direct payments, counter-cyclical payments, or average crop revenue election payments when the sum of the base acres of a farm is 10 acres or less, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6874. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 156 Taunton Avenue in Seekonk Massachusetts, as the "Lance Corporal Eric Paul Valdepenas Post Office Building."

H.R. 6908. An act to require that limitations and restrictions on coverage under group health plans be timely disclosed to group health plan sponsors and timely communicated to participants and beneficiaries under such plans in a form that is easily understandable.

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

H. Con. Res. 223. Concurrent resolution honoring professional surveyors and recognizing their contributions to society.

H. Con. Res. 351. Concurrent resolution honoring the 225th anniversary of the Continental Congress meeting in Nassau Hall, Princeton, New Jersey, in 1783.

H. Con. Res. 386. Concurrent resolution recognizing and celebrating the 232d anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 2606. An act to reauthorize the United States Fire Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 3009. An act to designate the Federal Bureau of Investigation building under construction in Omaha, Nebraska, as the "J. James Exon Federal Bureau of Investigation Building."

At 6:50 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. 160. An act to amend the American Battlefield Protection Act of 1996 to establish a battlefield acquisition grant program for the acquisition and protection of nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812, and for other purposes.

H.R. 758. An act to require that health plans provide coverage for a minimum hospital stay for mastectomies, lumpectomies, and lymph node dissection for the treatment of breast cancer and coverage for secondary consultations.

H.R. 1532. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to making progress toward the goal of eliminating tuberculosis, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2933. An act to amend the American Battlefield Protection Act of 1996 to extend the authorization for that Act, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2994. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to pain care.

H.R. 4544. An act to require the issuance of medals to recognize the dedication and valor of Native American code talkers.

H.R. 4828. An act to amend the Palo Alto Battlefield National Historic Site Act of 1991 to expand the boundaries of the historic site, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6323. An act to establish a research, development, demonstration, and commercial application program to promote research of appropriate technologies for heavy duty plug-in hybrid vehicles and for other purposes.

H.R. 6980. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to increase the amount of the Medal of Honor special pension provided under that title by up to \$1,000.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

S. 2162. An act to improve the treatment and services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs to veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder and substance use disorders, and for other purposes.

S. 3023. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve and enhance compensation and pension, housing, labor and education, and insurance benefits for veterans, and for other purposes.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 6980. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of

Veterans Affairs to increase the amount of the Medal of Honor special pension provided under that title by up to \$1,000; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

#### ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, September 25, 2008, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills and joint resolutions:

S. 171. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 301 Commerce Street in Commerce, Oklahoma, as the "Mickey Mantle Post Office Building".

S. 2135. An act to prohibit the recruitment or use of child soldiers, to designate persons who recruit or use child soldiers as inadmissible aliens, to allow the deportation of persons who recruit or use child soldiers, and for other purposes.

S.J. Res. 35. Joint resolution to amend Public Law 108-331 to provide for the construction and related activities in support of the Very Energetic Radiation Imaging Telescope Array System (VERITAS) project in Arizona.

S.J. Res. 45. Joint resolution expressing the consent and approval of Congress to an interstate compact regarding water resources in the Great Lakes—St. Lawrence River Basin.

#### 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-7881. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Atka Mackerel Lottery in Areas 542 and 543" ((RIN0648-XJ73)(Docket No. 071106673-8011-02)) received on September 8, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7882. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Bluefish Fishery; Quota Transfer" ((RIN0648-XJ49)(Docket No. 061109296-7009-02)) received on September 8, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7883. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Greenland Turbot in the Aleutian Islands Subarea of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" ((RIN0648-XJ81)(Docket No. 071106673-8011-02)) received on September 8, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7884. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Reallocation of Atka Mackerel in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area; Correction" ((RIN0648-XJ59)(Docket No. 071106673-8011-02)) received on September 8, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.