

## PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petition or memorial was laid before the Senate and was referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-17. A resolution adopted by the legislature of the Province of Batangas, Republic of the Philippines, forwarded by the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, commending and expressing thanksgiving and commendation to the President of the United States, the U.S. Congress, and the American taxpayers for the signing of the U.S. Economic Stimulus Package, which includes \$198 million in benefits to Filipino veterans who fought side-by-side with American soldiers in World War II; to the Committee on Appropriations.

## RESOLUTION NO. 169

Whereas, the U.S. Economic Stimulus Package, recently signed into law by President Barack Obama includes some \$198 Million in benefits to Filipino Veterans who fought with American soldiers of World War II;

Whereas, as provided, a one-time payment of \$15,000 for each Filipino Veteran who had since become a U.S. citizen and \$9,000 for non-citizens will be made to former soldiers or their surviving spouses;

Whereas, historically, it is a fact that Filipino Veterans of World War II had been conscripted and fought side-by-side with their American comrades in the Pacific Theater, more specifically in the battle front of Bataan and Corregidor. Quoting Senator Daniel Inouye of the American Senate: "In 1941, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt issued a military order calling on the Commonwealth Army of the Philippines to serve with the U.S. Army in the Far East, entitling Filipino soldiers who served full U.S. Veterans benefits because of their service";

Whereas, the best feature of the provision is its unequivocal recognition of the role played by Filipino Veterans during the World War II. The implication is that it is important enough to stand alongside solutions to Americans' present day economic slump. This rectifies previous "snubs"—laws reneging on promises made to these soldiers as part of the U.S.' post war cost-saving measures, like the U.S. Recession Act of 1946, duly signed by then President Harry S. Truman into law;

Whereas, the measure is hailed by many and is seen as a victory after more than four decades of expectations. The surviving veterans are now in their 80s and 90s, any form of compensation will help make the remaining days of their lives more meaningful;

Now therefore, on motion by Honorable Board Member Florencio A. De Loyola, duly seconded,

*Resolved*, As it is hereby resolved, to COM-MEND AND EXPRESS ITS SINCEREST THANKS to his Excellency President BARACK OBAMA of the United States of America, the American Congress more particularly the Speaker of the House of Representatives Honorable NANCY PELOSI, Senate President Honorable JOSEPH R. BIDEN JR., Democrat Senator from Hawaii Honorable DANIEL INOUE and the American Taxpayers, in general, for the signing of the U.S. Economic Stimulus Package which includes some \$198 Million in benefits to Filipino Veterans who fought side-by-side with American Soldiers in World War II.

## 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 Mrs. MCCASKILL (for herself and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 848. A bill to recognize and clarify the authority of the States to regulate intra-state helicopter medical services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CARPER (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. KERRY):

S. 849. A bill to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to conduct a study on black carbon emissions; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. KERRY:

S. 850. A bill to amend the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act and the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to improve the conservation of sharks; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 851. A bill to prohibit the issuance of any lease or other authorization by the Federal Government that authorizes exploration, development, or production of oil or natural gas in any marine national monument or national marine sanctuary or in the fishing grounds known as Georges Bank in the waters of the United States; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 852. A bill to apply an alternative payment amount under the Medicare program for certain graduate medical education programs established to train residents displaced by natural disasters; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KAUFMAN (for himself, Mr. CARPER, and Mr. CASEY):

S. 853. A bill to designate additional segments and tributaries of White Clay Creek, in the States of Delaware and Pennsylvania, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself and Mr. BROWN):

S. 854. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to update a program to provide assistance for the planning, design, and construction of treatment works to intercept, transport, control, or treat municipal combined sewer overflows and sanitary sewer overflows, and to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to update certain guidance used to develop and determine the financial capability of communities to implement clean water infrastructure programs; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 855. A bill to establish an Energy Assistance Fund to guarantee low-interest loans for the purchase and installation of qualifying energy efficient property, idling reduction and advanced insulation for heavy trucks, and alternative refueling stations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 856. A bill to establish a commercial truck highway safety demonstration program in the State of Maine, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. DODD, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. VITTER):

S. 857. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a \$1,000 refundable

credit for individuals who are bona fide volunteer members of volunteer firefighting and emergency medical service organizations; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 858. A bill to protect the oceans and Great Lakes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. NELSON of Florida):

S. 859. A bill to amend the provisions of law relating to the John H. Prescott Marine Mammal Rescue Assistance Grant Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. NELSON of Nebraska (for himself, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. JOHANNIS, Mr. CARPER, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. KAUFMAN):

S. 860. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a Federal income tax exclusion for assistance provided to participants in State student loan programs for certain health professionals; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. BURR, and Mr. INHOFE):

S. 861. A bill to amend the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 to require the President to certify that the Yucca Mountain site remains the designated site for the development of a repository for the disposal of high-level radioactive waste, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. THUNE:

S. 862. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to use any amounts repaid by a financial institution that is a recipient of assistance under the Troubled Assets Relief Program for debt reduction; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR:

S. 863. A bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to protect consumers from certain practices in connection with the origination of consumer credit transactions secured by the principal dwelling of the consumer, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. KERRY, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. LINCOLN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. BURR, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. LEVIN):

S. 864. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand tax-free distributions from individual retirement accounts for charitable purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BENNETT:

S. 865. A bill to provide for the sale of the Federal Government's reversionary interest in approximately 60 acres of land in Salt Lake City, Utah, originally conveyed to the Mount Olivet Cemetery Association under the Act of January 23, 1909; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. DODD, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 866. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 regarding environmental education, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.