

In addition to his work on behalf of Arkansas veterans, First Sergeant Bacon was a former president of the Congressional Medal of Honor Society. In 2004, he was appointed to serve on the Veterans' Disability Benefits Commission, which made more than 100 recommendations to Congress on ways to improve veteran benefits.

I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the life and service of 1SG Nick Bacon. I join all Americans in lifting up his wife Tamera, his children, and all his loved ones. First Sergeant Bacon was not only a great Arkansan, but a great American, and I am humbled to express my gratitude for his life and service.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 10:03 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 4861. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1343 West Irving Park Road in Chicago, Illinois, as the "Steve Goodman Post Office Building".

H.R. 5051. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 23 Genesee Street in Hornell, New York, as the "Zachary Smith Post Office Building".

H.R. 5099. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 15 South Main Street in Sharon, Massachusetts, as the "Michael C. Rothberg Post Office".

S. 1508. An act to amend the Improper Payments Information Act of 2002 (31 U.S.C. 3321 note) in order to prevent the loss of billions in taxpayer dollars.

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. INOUE).

At 10:20 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, 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. 1855. An act to promote industry growth and competitiveness and to improve worker training, retention, and advancement, and for other purposes.

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

H. Con. Res. 126. Concurrent resolution recognizing the 50th anniversary of Title VI international education programs within the Department of Education.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 1855. An act to promote industry growth and competitiveness and to improve worker training, retention, and advancement, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 126. Concurrent resolution recognizing the 50th anniversary of Title VI international education programs within the Department of Education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following joint resolution was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.J. Res. 83. Joint resolution approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on July 20, 2010, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 1508. An act to amend the Improper Payments Information Act of 2002 (31 U.S.C. 3321 note) in order to prevent the loss of billions in taxpayer dollars.

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-6739. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Contract Reporting Requirements of Intrastate Natural Gas Companies" (FERC Docket No. RM09-2-000) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2010; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6740. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 18-445, "Commercial Driver's License Minimum Age Requirement Amendment Act of 2010"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6741. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 18-446, "Community Impact Statement Amendment Act of 2010"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6742. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 18-462, "Fiscal Year 2011 Budget Support Act of 2010"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6743. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 18-472, "Families Together Amendment Act of 2010"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6744. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 18-473, "Closing of a Public Alley in Square 6172, S.O. 08-7590, Act of 2010"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6745. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 18-478, "Adoption Reform Amendment Act of 2010"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6746. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 18-479, "Rental Housing Commission Quorum Temporary Amendment Act of 2010"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. SCHUMER for the Committee on Rules and Administration.

William J. Boardman, of Maryland, to be Public Printer.

By Mr. LEAHY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Elena Kagan, of Massachusetts, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

James Michael Cole, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Attorney General.

Timothy Q. Purdon, of North Dakota, to be United States Attorney for the District of North Dakota for the term of four years.

Willie Ransome Stafford III, of North Carolina, to be United States Marshal for the Middle District of North Carolina for the term of four years.

Arthur Darrow Baylor, of Alabama, to be United States Marshal for the Middle District of Alabama for the term of four years.

J. Patricia Wilson Smoot, of Maryland, to be a Commissioner of the United States Parole Commission for a term of six years.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

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. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. UDALL of New Mexico):

S. 3616. A bill to withdraw certain land in the State of New Mexico, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 3617. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for an energy investment credit for energy storage property connected to the grid, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. VOINOVICH:

S. 3618. A bill to further enable a nuclear renaissance in the United States to improve energy security, reduce future pollution and greenhouse gas emissions, provide large, reliable sources of electricity, and create thousands of high-quality jobs for the citizens of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. TESTER:

S. 3619. A bill to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to improve geothermal energy technology and demonstrate the use of geothermal energy in large scale thermal applications, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.