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(2) PERIOD AND FREQUENCY OF SUBMITTAL.—A report required by paragraph (1) shall be submitted not later than 270 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, and every year thereafter for the next 2 years.

The bill (S. 3860), as amended, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

Mrs. McCASKILL. Mr. President, I am proud we have been able to get this passed today. This is a giant Christmas present with a bow on it or a Hanukkah gift with a bow on it to thousands of American families, to let them know we are paying attention. We have very short attention spans around here. When the cameras aren't rolling, we have a tendency to move on to something else. We are always kind of gravitating toward the political fight.

This legislation should send the appropriate signal to our Nation's military, to our Nation's veterans and, most importantly, to the families who have loved ones buried at Arlington National Cemetery that we are paying attention and that we are going to continue to pay attention until we get this right. Our American pride depends on it. It is the ultimate act of patriotism. So I am proud of the fact that we have been able to get this legislation passed today.

I yield the floor.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### PRONUNCIATION OF "ARKANSAS"

• Mr. PRYOR. Mr. President, today I wish to share an interesting piece of Arkansas history with my colleagues and the American people. Over the last few centuries, the origin and pronunciation of "Arkansas" has been shrouded in a bit of mystery, with many mispronunciations. So to correct any future mistakes before they are

made, I submit the following resolution on the proper pronunciation of "Arkansas." After a study by the Arkansas Historical Society and the Eclectic Society of Little Rock, the resolution was introduced and passed by the Arkansas General Assembly in 1881. The resolution was included in an article edited by Margaret Ross that ran in the Arkansas Gazette on December 4, 1960, and reads as follows:

Whereas, Confusion of practice has arisen in the pronunciation of the name of our State; and it is deemed important that the true pronunciation should be determined for use in oral official proceedings.

And Whereas, The matter has been thoroughly investigated by the State Historical Society, and the Eclectic Society of Little Rock, which have agreed upon the correct pronunciation, as derived from history, and the early usage of the American immigrants.

Be it therefore resolved by both houses of the General Assembly, That the only true pronunciation of the name of the State, in the opinion of this body, is that received by the French from the native Indians, and committed to writing in the French word representing the sound; and that it should be pronounced in three syllables with the final 's' silent, the 'a' in each syllable with the Italian sound, and the accent on the first and last syllables—being the pronunciation formerly, universally, and now still most commonly used; and that the pronunciation with the accent on the second syllable with the sound of 'a' in 'man', and the sounding of the terminal 's', is an innovation to be discouraged.

Mr. President, I hope my colleagues have found this small piece of Arkansas history as enlightening as I did, and I would hope that any future mispronunciations of "Arkansas" be "an innovation to be discouraged."•

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

Under authority of the order of the Senate of January 5, 2009, the Secretary of the Senate, on December 3, 2010, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills and joint resolutions:

S. 2847. An act to regulate the volume of audio on commercials.

S. 3307. An act to reauthorize child nutrition programs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5758. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2 Government Center in Fall River, Massachusetts, as the "Sergeant Robert Barrett Post Office Building".

H.R. 6118. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2 Massachusetts Avenue, NE, in Washington, D.C., as the "Dorothy I. Height Post Office".

H.R. 6237. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1351 2nd Street in Napa, California, as the "Tom Kongsgaard Post Office Building".

H.R. 6387. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 337 West Clark Street in Eureka, California, as the "Sam Sacco Post Office Building".

H.J. Res. 101. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2011, and for other purposes.

Under authority of the order of the Senate of December 3, 2010, the enrolled bills and joint resolution were signed on December 3, 2010, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the Acting President pro tempore (Mr. REID).

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

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The PRESIDENT pro tempore (Mr. INOUE) reported that he had signed the following enrolled bill, which was previously signed by the Speaker of the House:

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#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

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#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 4009. A bill to provide an alternate distribution of education jobs funds for Texas; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 3981

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3981, a bill to provide for a temporary extension of unemployment insurance provisions.

#### AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

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(a) REPORT ON GRAVESITE DISCREPANCIES.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Army shall submit to the committees of Congress specified in subsection (c) a report setting forth an accounting of the gravesites at Arlington National Cemetery, Virginia. The accounting shall—

(1) specify whether gravesite locations at Arlington National Cemetery are correctly identified, labeled, and occupied; and

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#### IMPROVING CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS OF THE OFFICE OF THE ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL

Mrs. MCCASKILL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Rules Committee be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 6399 and that the Senate then proceed to its consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report the bill by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows: