

extend the reductions in income tax rates, and for other purposes.

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

H.R. 1119. An act to amend title 36, United States Code, to revise the congressional charter of the Military Order of the Purple Heart of the United States of America, Incorporated, to authorize associate membership in the corporation for the spouse and siblings of a recipient of the Purple Heart medal.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

H.R. 3495. An act to establish a National Commission on Children and Disasters, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3685. An act to prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

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-3886. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Asian Longhorned Beetle; Additions to Quarantined Areas" (Docket No. APHIS-2006-0127) received on November 6, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3887. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Waiver of Specialty Metals Restriction for Acquisition of Commercially Available Off-the-Shelf Items" (DFARS Case 2007-D013) received on November 2, 2007; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3888. A communication from the General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Management Official Interlocks Threshold Change" (12 C.F.R. Section 701.23) received on October 30, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3889. A communication from the Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Use of Indian Housing Block Grant Funds for Rental Assistance in Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Projects" (RIN2577-AC61) received on November 2, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3890. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Allied Ag Cat Productions, Inc. G-164 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-CE-034)) received on October 30, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3891. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule

entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A330-201, -202, -203, -223, -243, -301, -321, -322, -323, -341, -342, and -343 Airplanes; and Model A340-200 and -300 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-261)) received on October 30, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3892. A communication from the Regulatory Ombudsman, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Parts and Accessories Necessary for Safe Operation; Fire Extinguisher Exception for Driveaway-Towaway Operations" (RIN2126-AB08) received on October 30, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3893. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2007 Base Period T-Bill Rate" (Rev. Rul. 2007-64) received on November 6, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3894. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, weekly reports relative to post-liberation Iraq covering the period from August 15, 2007, to October 15, 2007; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. BYRD, from the Committee on Appropriations:

Special Report entitled "Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals From the Concurrent Resolution, Fiscal Year 2008" (Rept. No. 110-226).

EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following executive report of a nomination was submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Michael J. Sullivan, of Massachusetts, to be Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives.

(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 Mrs. McCASKILL (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. COBURN):

S. 2324. A bill to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) to enhance the Offices of the Inspectors General, to create a Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. VOINOVICH:

S. 2325. A bill to modernize and update the National Housing Act and enable the Federal Housing Administration to use risk-based pricing to more effectively reach underserved borrowers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mrs. HUTCHISON):

S. 2326. A bill to improve the safety of motorcoaches, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD):

S. 2327. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit against tax for increased homeowners insurance premiums suffered by certain coastal homeowners or resulting from hurricane events; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD):

S. 2328. A bill to establish a homeowner mitigation loan program within the Federal Emergency Management Agency to promote pre-disaster property mitigation measures; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 2329. A bill to establish the Thomas Edison National Historical Park in the State of New Jersey as the successor to the Edison National Historic Site; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. OBAMA (for himself and Mr. MENENDEZ)):

S. 2330. A bill to authorize a pilot program within the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development with the goal of preventing at-risk veterans and veteran families from falling into homelessness, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. WEBB):

S. 2331. A bill to exclude from gross income payments from the Hokie Spirit Memorial Fund to the victims of the tragic event, loss of life and limb, at Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Mr. LOTT, Mr. OBAMA, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. KERRY, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BIDEN, and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 2332. A bill to promote transparency in the adoption of new media ownership rules by the Federal Communications Commission, and to establish an independent panel to make recommendations on how to increase the representation of women and minorities in broadcast media ownership; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. KENNEDY:

S. 2333. A bill to amend the Public Health Services Act to reauthorize the Community Health Centers program, the National Health Service Corps, and rural health care programs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. COLEMAN (for himself, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. LOTT, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. VITTER, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BURR, Mr. BOND, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. COBURN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GREGG, Mr. ALLARD, and Mr. CORKER):

S. Res. 371. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the issuance of State driver's licenses and other government-issued photo identification to illegal aliens; to the Committee on the Judiciary.