

Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the amendments of the Senate to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3221) moving the United States toward greater energy independence and security, developing innovative new technologies, reducing carbon emissions, creating green jobs, protecting consumers, increasing clean renewable energy production, and modernizing our energy infrastructure, and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives for the production of renewable energy and energy conservation, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 4049. An act to amend section 5318 of title 31, United States Code, to eliminate regulatory burdens imposed on insured depository institutions and money services businesses and enhance the availability of transaction accounts at depository institutions for such business, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 6226. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 300 East 3rd Street in Jamestown, New York, as the "Stan Lundine Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 6493. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to enhance aviation safety; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

S. 3297. A bill to advance America's priorities.

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

H.J. Res. 93. Joint resolution approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003.

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-7232. A communication from the Secretary, Department of Agriculture, transmitting draft legislation to amend the United States Grain Standards Act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to recover through user fees the cost of standardization activities; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7233. A communication from the Secretary, Department of Agriculture, transmitting draft legislation to remove the prohibition against the rescission of certain

unadvanced telecommunications loan balances; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7234. A communication from the Acting Director of Grants Management Division, Office of Acquisition Management, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Non-Procurement Debarment and Suspension (title 2 CFR)" (RIN0605-AA23) received on July 18, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7235. A communication from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Stratospheric Ozone Protection of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7236. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Delaware; Reasonably Available Control Technology Under the 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard" (FRL No. 8696-6) received on July 22, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7237. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans; Idaho" (FRL No. 8697-1) received on July 22, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7238. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fludioxonil; Pesticide Tolerance for Emergency Exemption" (FRL No. 8369-5) received on July 22, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7239. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Semiconductor Manufacturing" (FRL No. 8695-9) received on July 22, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7240. A communication from the Chief of Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "United States-Bahrain Free Trade Agreement" (RIN1505-AB81) received on July 18, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7241. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Imports of Certain Cotton Shirting Fabric: Implementation of Tariff Rate Quota Established Under the Tax Relief and Health Care Act of 2006" received on July 22, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7242. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed technical assistance agreement for the export of technical data, defense services, and defense articles in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more to the Government of Turkey; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7243. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed technical assistance agreement for the export of technical data, defense services,

and defense articles in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more to the Governments of Australia, Bermuda, Indonesia, the Philippines, and Singapore; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7244. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed technical assistance agreement for the export of technical data, defense services, and defense articles to support the development of the AN/APX-68 Transponder Set and Control Box to the Government of Japan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7245. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Inspector General received on July 22, 2008; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7246. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary of State for Diplomatic Security received on July 23, 2008; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7247. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary of State for Political-Military Affairs received on July 23, 2008; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7248. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and designation of an acting officer in the position of Inspector General received on July 23, 2008; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7249. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Taiwan Relations Act, 22 U.S.C. 3311, as amended, the text of an agreement between the American Institute in Taiwan and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7250. A communication from the Chairman, Railroad Retirement Board, pursuant to law, an annual report for the year of 2008; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7251. A communication from the Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of the Inspector General's Semi-annual Report for the period of October 1, 2007, through March 31, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7252. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel and Designated Reporting Official, Office of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and nomination in the position of Deputy Director for State, Local, and Tribal Affairs; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-420. A concurrent resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana urging Congress to extend the Gulf Opportunity Zone Act of 2005 bonus depreciation benefit to all parishes in the Gulf Opportunity Zone; to the Committee on Finance.