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The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Oregon.

S. RES. 6

Mr. MERKLEY. Madam President, I have a resolution which I send to the desk and ask for its consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the resolution by title.  
The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 6) to modify extended debate in the Senate to improve the legislative process.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to proceeding to the resolution?

The Senator from Tennessee.

Mr. ALEXANDER. Reserving the right to object, again, the majority and minority leaders are working together with other Senators to try and find ways we can agree upon to assist in the functioning of the Senate. To give them sufficient time to do that, I do object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection having been heard, the resolution will go over under the rule.

The Senator from Oregon.

Mr. MERKLEY. I thank my colleague from Tennessee for the efforts he is putting forth to find ways to make this body truly engage in dialogue and decisionmaking as the American people expect.

S. RES. 7

Mr. MERKLEY. Madam President, on behalf of Senator LAUTENBERG, I have a resolution which I send to the desk and ask for its consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read the resolution as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 7) to permit the Senate to avoid unnecessary delay and vote on matters for which floor debate has ceased.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to proceeding to the resolution?

Mr. ALEXANDER. Madam President, for the reasons I have stated with the other requests for unanimous consent, I do object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection having been heard, the resolution will go over under the rule.

The Senator from Oregon.

Mr. MERKLEY. Madam President, I look forward to the dialogue among all the Members on how the Senate can reclaim its important role as a deliberative and decisionmaking body.

I want to thank Senator UDALL for having been so involved in this conversation and helping to drive it forward.

#### TRIBUTES TO DEPARTING SENATORS

HERB KOHL

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, as the year ends, we face the sadness that surrounds the departure of good colleagues. I want to take a minute to ex-

press my pleasure in having the opportunity to know and work with Herb Kohl. We have served 16 years together on the Judiciary Committee and in the Senate. He is one of the most accomplished and courteous members of the Senate. His powerful intellect along with his vast private sector experience have given him valuable insight into the issues of our time. We shared a strong belief in the importance of the Littoral Combat Ship and in the end were both pleased to see that program move forward. As a senior member of the Judiciary Committee, Senator Kohl was a faithful member who had a remarkable ability to win the affection and respect of members. He always sought common ground rather than confrontation. It's been a real pleasure for me to get to know and to work with this remarkable, talented and good man. He has given much to the Senate. My best wishes are extended for this next chapter in his life.

#### TRIBUTE TO STAN LOWE

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, next week in Casper, a member of America's greatest generation will be recognized by the Casper Area Chamber of Commerce for a lifetime of service and leadership. I am honored to tell my colleagues about my friend, R. Stanley Lowe.

In 1943, Stan was in college and had been deferred from the draft because of his studies. But, at age 19, he wanted to do his part to protect our great Nation. He enlisted in the U.S. Merchant Marine. He served on five ships in the Pacific and Atlantic, each voyage lasting several months. Stan became a staff officer, in charge of personnel and payroll. He was also a chaplain and medical officer, called a pharmacist's mate and purser.

Stan served from 1943 to 1946, seeing things that would have a life long impact on him. The Merchant Marine had the highest rate of casualties of any service, dying at a rate of 1 in 26, and Stan was there to help the injured and comfort the dying.

Following his service, he returned to Wyoming to complete his law degree and then practice law in Rawlins. It was there he met the love of his life, Anne "Pat" Kirtland Selden Lowe, while they were skiing. She was remarkable, too. Pat was among the first female geologists—and a scholarship in her name continues to support students pursuing degrees in geology at the University of Wyoming.

Wyoming has benefited immensely from Stan's career. He served in the State House of Representatives and was elected to be the county and prosecuting attorney for Carbon County. He spent the majority of his distinguished career as general counsel for True Oil. In 1985, Stan led a delegation of American lawyers on a goodwill tour to China. The legal profession benefited from his wisdom through his service as counsel for the American Judicature Society.

While practicing law, he never forgot about his service and his fellow veterans. Stan was appointed to the Wyoming Veterans' Affairs Commission by Governor Mike Sullivan in 1991 and upon his retirement he was named chair emeritus. In 2003, Stan was awarded the Civilian Meritorious Service Medal. Stan has led the efforts to expand Wyoming's only Veterans Cemetery. His passion for history paved the ground for the Wyoming Veterans Memorial Museum.

Stan served in supportive and leadership roles in multiple veterans' organizations. Stan is a 3 year district commander of the American Legion. He was recently honored with the title of Honorary Past Department Commander, a title only given four other times in the history of the Wyoming American Legion. Stan continues to highlight veterans events and issues through his weekly article in the Casper Journal and attends almost every troop homecoming and veterans event.

Wyoming's veterans have benefited immensely from Stan Lowe's wisdom and leadership. Stan will turn 90 this year. Wyoming continues to look to Stan as the voice for veterans. My wife, Bobbi, and I are happy to have Stan as our friend, and veterans all over Wyoming are fortunate because Stan chose to serve.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT, 112th CONGRESS

ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 5, 2011, the Secretary of the Senate, on January 3, 2013, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker had signed the following enrolled bills and joint resolution:

H.R. 443. An act to provide for the conveyance of certain property from the United States to the Manilaq Association located in Kotzebue, Alaska.

H.R. 2076. An act to amend title 28, United States Code, to clarify the statutory authority for the longstanding practice of the Department of Justice of providing investigatory assistance on request of State and local authorities with respect to certain serious violent crimes, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4212. An act to prevent the introduction into commerce of unsafe drywall, to ensure the manufacturer of drywall is readily identifiable, to ensure that problematic drywall removed from homes is not reused, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4606. An act to authorize the issuance of right-of-way permits for natural gas pipelines in Glacier National Park, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6029. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide for increased penalties for foreign and economic espionage, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6328. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to transfer

unclaimed clothing recovered at airport security checkpoints to local veterans organizations and other local charitable organizations, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6586. An act to extend the application of certain space launch liability provisions through 2014.

H.R. 6621. An act to correct and improve certain provisions of the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act and title 35, United States Code.

H.R. 6655. An act to establish a commission to develop a national strategy and recommendations for reducing fatalities resulting from child abuse and neglect.

S. 2318. An act to authorize the Secretary of State to pay a reward to combat transnational organized crime and for information concerning foreign nationals wanted by international criminal tribunals, and for other purposes.

S. 3331. An act to provide for universal intercountry adoption accreditation standards, and for other purposes.

S. 3472. An act to amend the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 to provide improvements to such Act.

S.J. Res. 44. Joint resolution granting the consent of Congress to the State and Province Emergency Management Assistance Memorandum of Understanding.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 5, 2011, the enrolled bills and joint resolution were signed on January 3, 2013, during the recess of the Senate, by the President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY).

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 4:09 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to H. Res. 1, resolving that Karen L. Haas of the State of Maryland, be, and is hereby, chosen Clerk of the House of Representatives, and that Paul D. Irving of the State of Florida, be, and is hereby, chosen Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives, and that Daniel J. Strodel of the District of Columbia, be, and is hereby chosen Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives, and that Father Patrick J. Conroy of the State of Florida, be, and is hereby, chosen Chaplain of the House of Representatives.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to H. Res. 2, resolving that the Senate be informed that a quorum of the House of Representatives has assembled, that JOHN A. BOEHNER, a Representative from the State of Ohio, has been elected Speaker, and Karen L. Haas, a citizen of the State of Maryland, has been elected Clerk of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Thirteenth Congress.

The message further announced that a committee of two Members be appointed by the Speaker on the part of the House of Representatives to join with a committee on the part of the Senate to notify the President of the United States that a quorum of each House has assembled and Congress is ready to receive any communication that he may be pleased to make.

#### MEASURES HELD OVER/UNDER RULE

The following resolutions were read, and held over, under the rule:

S. Res. 4. A resolution to limit certain uses of the filibuster in the Senate to improve the legislative process.

S. Res. 5. A resolution amending the Standing Rules of the Senate to provide for cloture to be invoked with less than a three-fifths majority after additional debate.

S. Res. 6. A resolution to modify extended debate in the Senate to improve the legislative process.

S. Res. 7. A resolution to permit the Senate to avoid unnecessary delay and vote on matters for which floor debate has ceased.

#### ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTION PRESENTED, 112th CONGRESS

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on January 2, 2013, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 3454. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2013 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes.

S. 3630. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 218 North Milwaukee Street in Waterford, Wisconsin, as the "Captain Rhett W. Schiller Post Office".

S. 3662. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6 Nichols Street in Westminister, Massachusetts, as the "Lieutenant Ryan Patrick Jones Post Office Building".

S. 3677. An act to make a technical correction to the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973.

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on January 3, 2013, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills and joint resolution:

S. 2318. An act to authorize the Secretary of State to pay a reward to combat transnational organized crime and for information concerning foreign nationals wanted by international criminal tribunals, and for other purposes.

S. 3331. An act to provide for universal intercountry adoption accreditation standards, and for other purposes.

S. 3472. An act to amend the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 to provide improvements to such Act.

S.J. Res. 44. Joint resolution granting the consent of Congress to the State and Province Emergency Management Assistance Memorandum of Understanding.

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communication was laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and was referred as indicated:

EC-1. A communication from the Director of Legal Affairs and Policy, Office of the Federal Register, National Archives, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Certificates of Ascertainment of the electors of the President and Vice President of the United States; ordered to lie on the table.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. Res. 1. A resolution informing the President of the United States that a quorum of each House is assembled; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. Res. 2. A resolution informing the House of Representatives that a quorum of the Senate is assembled; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. Res. 3. A resolution fixing the hour of daily meeting of the Senate; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. HARKIN):

S. Res. 4. A resolution to limit certain uses of the filibuster in the Senate to improve the legislative process; submitted and read.

By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for Mr. HARKIN (for himself and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. Res. 5. A resolution amending the Standing Rules of the Senate to provide for cloture to be invoked with less than a three-fifths majority after additional debate; submitted and read.

By Mr. MERKLEY:

S. Res. 6. A resolution to modify extended debate in the Senate to improve the legislative process; submitted and read.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. Res. 7. A resolution to permit the Senate to avoid unnecessary delay and vote on matters for which floor debate has ceased; submitted and read.

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. Con. Res. 1. A concurrent resolution to provide for the counting on January 4, 2013, of the electoral votes for President and Vice President of the United States; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. Con. Res. 2. A concurrent resolution extending the life of the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. Con. Res. 3. A concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and an adjournment of the House of Representatives; considered and agreed to.

#### SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 1—INFORMING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES THAT A QUORUM OF EACH HOUSE IS ASSEMBLED

Mr. REID of Nevada (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 1

*Resolved*, That a committee consisting of two Senators be appointed to join such committee as may be appointed by the House of Representatives to wait upon the President