

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.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, and Mr. BEGICH):

S. 3620. A bill to require the Secretary of Commerce to conduct a study on the economic competitiveness and innovative capacity of the United States and to develop a national economic competitiveness strategy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself and Mr. MCCAIN):

S. Res. 586. A resolution supporting democracy, human rights, and civil liberties in Egypt; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BURR (for himself and Mr. BURRIS):

S. Res. 587. A resolution designating August 26, 2010, as "Montford Point Marines Day"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WICKER (for himself, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. CORNYN, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. LEMIEUX, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SHELBY, and Mr. VITTER):

S. Res. 588. A resolution recognizing the economic and environmental impacts of the British Petroleum oil spill on the people of the Gulf Coast and their way of life and urging British Petroleum to give all due consideration to offers of assistance, products, or services from the States directly impacted by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 653

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN), the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) and the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 653, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the bicentennial of the writing of the Star-Spangled Banner, and for other purposes.

S. 754

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 754, a bill to provide for increased Federal oversight of methadone treatment.

S. 831

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 831, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to include service after September 11, 2001, as service qualifying for the determination of a reduced eligibility age for receipt of non-regular service retired pay.

S. 1089

At the request of Mr. DODD, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1089, a bill to facilitate the export of United States agricultural commodities and products to Cuba as authorized by the Trade Sanctions Reform and Export

Enhancement Act of 2000, to establish an agricultural export promotion program with respect to Cuba, to remove impediments to the export to Cuba of medical devices and medicines, to allow travel to Cuba by United States citizens and legal residents, to establish an agricultural export promotion program with respect to Cuba, and for other purposes.

S. 1703

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1703, a bill to amend the Act of June 18, 1934, to reaffirm the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for Indian tribes.

S. 1709

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. UDALL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1709, a bill to amend the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 to establish a grant program to promote efforts to develop, implement, and sustain veterinary services, and for other purposes.

S. 2781

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2781, a bill to change references in Federal law to mental retardation to references to an intellectual disability, and to change references to a mentally retarded individual to references to an individual with an intellectual disability.

S. 2909

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2909, a bill to provide State programs to encourage employee ownership and participation in business decisionmaking throughout the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 3018

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) and the Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT) were added as cosponsors of S. 3018, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make the Federal income tax system simpler, fairer, and more fiscally responsible, and for other purposes.

S. 3034

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the names of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN), the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW), the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI), the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) and the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) were added as cosponsors of S. 3034, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to strike medals in commemoration of the 10th anniversary of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the United States and the establishment of the National September 11 Memorial & Museum at the World Trade Center.

S. 3184

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3184, a bill to provide United States assistance for the purpose of eradicating severe forms of trafficking in children in eligible countries through the implementation of Child Protection Compacts, and for other purposes.

S. 3238

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3238, a bill to provide for a medal of appropriate design to be awarded by the President to the next of kin or other representative of those individuals killed as a result of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, and to the memorials established at the 3 sites that were attacked on that day.

S. 3262

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 3262, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that the volume cap for private activity bonds shall not apply to bonds for facilities for the furnishing of water and sewage facilities.

S. 3467

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3467, a bill to require a Northern Border Counternarcotics Strategy.

S. 3493

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3493, a bill to reauthorize and enhance Johanna's Law to increase public awareness and knowledge with respect to gynecologic cancers.

S. 3526

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3526, a bill to require the GAO to evaluate the propriety of assistance provided to General Motors Corporation under the Troubled Asset Relief Program, and for other purposes.

S. 3567

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3567, a bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 Broadway in Lynbrook, New York, as the "Navy Corpsman Jeffrey L. Wiener Post Office Building".

S. 3578

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VOINOVICH) and the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR) were added as cosponsors of S. 3578, a bill to repeal the expansion of information reporting requirements for payments of \$600 or more to corporations, and for other purposes.