

government to education, as well as recognize the village as a Native community rich with history of the Kake Tlingit ways.

The Tlingit people have inhabited the region of Kake for thousands of years, controlling the trade routes around Kuiu and Kupreanof islands, enjoying the territory, raising families, and living off the land. The Tlingit of the Kake region gained a reputation among early explorers as being strong and powerful. Some encounters with early European and American explorers have been documented by historians as resulting in occasional skirmishes.

In the early part of the 20th century, Kake began to physically transform. Stores were built, a government school was installed, and a post office was established in 1904. Kake also became the first Native village to organize under Federal law, resulting in U.S. citizenship for community residents. In 1912, Kake was incorporated as a first-class city government in the territory of Alaska. This event is now known as Kake Day, and it is the 100th anniversary of that event that I wish to commemorate today.

Kake Day is not only a celebration of past accomplishments but also a celebration of the history of the Kake Tlingit ways. Kake has blended Western ways and the rich cultural traditions of its past to make Kake into the city it is today.

Recognized tribes—the Organized Village of Kake and the Central Council Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska—are essential components of Kake, alongside entities such as the Inside Passage Electric Cooperative. Important food sources link the old and the new ways of life, including salmon, halibut, shellfish, deer, bear, waterfowl, and berries.

Nearby, standing on a bluff overlooking Kake, is the world's largest totem pole, which serves as a reminder of the city's history and as a guide moving into the future. Standing at 132 feet, this properly sanctioned totem pole was carved by the Chilkats in 1967 for Alaska's centennial.

On the 100 year celebration of Kake Day, Alaskans will enjoy a parade, a protocol workshop, and song and dance featuring Keex' Kwan dancers. I am sure the event will be memorable for all involved.●

TRIBUTE TO LEE OSTERHOLM

● Mr. TESTER. Mr. President, today I wish to discuss the life of a great American, a fellow Montanan, and a true patriot who served his country proudly in World War II, Army SGT Lee Osterholm, a native of Butte, MT. Born on April 24, 1919, Lee served in the Border Patrol in Texas prior to World War II. When our country was thrust into war, Lee answered the call of duty, enlisting in the U.S. Army on March 8, 1943, and was soon on the battlefields of Central Europe fighting for our very freedom.

Between 1943 and 1945 Lee's unwavering commitment to duty and courage under fire was evident as he led men into combat throughout the European

theater and performed superbly in both the U.S. Army and U.S. Army Air Corps. Sadly he never received the recognition he deserved once the war ended and he was discharged on February 9, 1946.

Over 65 years later, his country is finally recognizing Lee's accomplishments by awarding him the Bronze Star posthumously. I ask unanimous consent that the citation to accompany this award be printed in the RECORD.●

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

The Bronze Star Medal is awarded to Sergeant Lee Osterholm, United States Army, Service Number 39-616-345: "For exceptionally meritorious achievement in ground operations against hostile forces while assigned as Reconnaissance Sergeant, Company H, 387th Infantry Regiment, 97th Infantry Division, in the Central Europe Campaign, World War II. Sergeant Lee Osterholm's outstanding performance of duty, technical expertise, and unwavering commitment to mission accomplishment in ground combat in an active war zone were vital to successful combat operations in the Central Europe Campaign. His contributions and dedication to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflect great credit upon himself, the 97th Infantry Division, and the United States Army in World War II."

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations and a withdrawal which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:06 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 the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 94. Concurrent resolution directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make corrections in the enrollment of H.R. 3672.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill (H.R. 2055) making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes.

At 4:47 p.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, with amendment, in

which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

S. 278. An act to provide for the exchange of certain land located in the Arapaho-Roosevelt National Forests in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2867) to reauthorize the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998, and for other purposes.

At 5:33 p.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 joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.J. Res. 94. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 5, 2011, the Secretary of the Senate, on December 16, 2011, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled joint resolution:

H. J. Res. 94. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes.

The enrolled joint resolution was subsequently signed subsequent to adjournment by the Acting President pro tempore (Mr. REID).

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

H.R. 3094. An act to amend the National Labor Relations Act with respect to representation hearings and the timing of elections of labor organizations under that Act.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, December 16, 2011, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 384. An act to amend title 39, United States Code, to extend the authority of the United States Postal Service to issue a semipostal to raise funds for breast cancer research.

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-4354. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to test and evaluation budgets that are not certified by the Director, Test Resource Management Center (TRMC), to be adequate by March 31 of the year preceding the fiscal year for which such budgets are proposed; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4355. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition,