

The Common Man Family of Restaurants also participated in the Smithsonian Folklife Festival by preparing traditional New Hampshire cuisine for over 50,000 people during the 10-day event. I personally had the opportunity to sample their delicious wares.

Alex Ray and The Common Man Family of Restaurants have been an asset to the citizens of New Hampshire. I commend them for their service and dedication to the people and communities of our state. It is an honor and a privilege to represent them in the U.S. Senate.●

TRIBUTE TO CONCORD COMMUNITY MUSIC SCHOOL

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to the Concord Community Music School of Concord, New Hampshire, for the honor of being named the 2001 Business of the Year by Business NH Magazine.

New Hampshire's largest and oldest community music school, Concord Community Music School is celebrating its 17th anniversary this year. The primary mission of the school is to provide access to music for all people of New Hampshire while having the best resources available.

Concord Community Music School has touched the lives of many Granite State citizens. In 2000, over 43,000 people received 80,100 musical services thanks to the school. The school also provides weekly lessons and classes at the facility and provides performances at public events.

Concord Community Music School generously reaches out to area citizens with its Music in the Community Initiative. The program is a partnership with area schools, human service agencies and hospitals in New Hampshire which provides music and lessons to at-risk students, disabled people, senior citizens and pre-schoolers from low income families.

Concord Community Music School has been a dedicated and caring neighbor to the citizens of New Hampshire. I commend them for their contributions to the cultural, educational and economic communities of our state. It is an honor and a privilege to represent them in the U.S. Senate.●

TRIBUTE TO NIXON PEABODY LLP

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Nixon Peabody LLP of Manchester, New Hampshire, for the honor of being named the 2001 Business of the Year by Business NH Magazine.

The New Hampshire office of Nixon Peabody LLP was established in 1992, and is one of the top 50 law firms in the United States with 11 East Coast offices, including 20 in the Granite State.

The firm has been instrumental in New Hampshire's premier business deals and has established itself in our

state by assuming the role of a strong corporate citizen.

Active within the Manchester community, staff members from Nixon Peabody serve on several nonprofit boards including: Kevin Fitzgerald as president and chairman of the Manchester Community Music School's board, W. Scott O'Connell as vice president of the Farnum Center, and James Hood as chairman of New Hampshire's International Trade Advisory Committee.

Staff members and clients have also served the City of Manchester with charity and concern. Victims of a recent apartment house fire were provided with clothing and furniture by a client of the firm after a fire that left more than 50 people homeless.

I commend Nixon Peabody LLP for their contributions to both the business and civic communities in our state. It is an honor and a privilege to represent them in the U.S. Senate.●

TRIBUTE TO BELKNAP LANDSCAPE COMPANY, INC.

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Belknap Landscape Company, Inc. of Gilford, New Hampshire, on being named the 2001 Business of the Year by Business NH Magazine.

Belknap Landscape Company, Inc., has been owned for the past 13 years by Hayden McLaughlin, who is a member of several industry organizations and works to inform people about landscaping benefits. The company was the recipient of the Blue Chip Award, Leon Patterson Award for Landscape Excellence, and numerous national safety awards.

Belknap Landscape Company, Inc. has participated in many community events and outreach programs. The company was active in the development of the Kirkwood Gardens in 1995 and continues to sponsor the gardens and annual "Wildflower Day" which benefits the gardens and Science Center. They are involved in other community projects including: the Fireds of the New Hampshire Music Festival, New Beginnings, the United Way, and the New Hampshire State Police Association.

They have donated materials and staff manpower to the Squam Lakes Association waterfront area. Hayden also makes annual contributions to the New Hampshire Horticulture Endowment Fund and he is a mentor in the Associated Landscape Contractors of America "One-on-One" Mentor program.

Belknap Landscape Company, Inc. and Hayden McLaughlin have been strong stewards of the environmental and business communities in New Hampshire. I commend them for the positive contributions they have made to the citizens of the Granite State. It is an honor and a privilege to represent them in the U.S. Senate.●

TRIBUTE TO THE TALARICO DEALERSHIPS

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to the Talarico Dealerships of Manchester, Merrimack and Milford, New Hampshire, on being named the 2001 Business of the Year by Business NH Magazine.

The Talarico Dealerships and Stephen Talarico, president and CEO, conduct business by a company mission statement of providing quality service to customers with trained professional employees and "to remain supportive to our community and committed to the education of our youth."

The Talarico Dealerships recognize the importance of giving back to the community and have generously contributed to civic programs including the Manchester Riverwalk Development Project and Souhegan Valley Chamber of Commerce First Annual Golf Tournament.

The company was among the first automobile dealerships in the country to install custom designed, thermo-reactor stainless steel Devilbis spray booths at its Body Magic Auto Collision Center. Talarico Dealership was also the first dealership in the Granite State to have a service department managed completely by women.

Stephen Talarico was named Souhegan Valley Chamber of Commerce Business Leader of the Year in 1999. His Merrimack Used Car Superstore became one of the top five used car volume dealerships in New Hampshire in 2000.

The Talarico Dealerships and Stephen Talarico have been good neighbors to the citizens of Manchester, Merrimack and Milford, New Hampshire. I commend them on their dedication and service to the communities of the Granite State. It is an honor and a privilege to represent them in the U.S. Senate.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, 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 which were referred to the appropriate committees.

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

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:55 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment: