

years, Searider Productions has produced incredible work and has garnered an enormous number of accolades. From highly acclaimed public service announcements to an update of an online voting Web site, the work Searider Productions has performed is outstanding.

As a former teacher and principal, I take pride in seeing students from Hawaii receive national recognition. I know that it is because of school and parental support, dedication, and commitment that these students excelled in this area. These four students have made their families, school, and community proud. I look forward to seeing the future productions by the excellent students of Waianae High School and its Searider Productions.●

DON BURTENSHAW: COMMUNITY SERVANT AND STATESMAN

● Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, I pay tribute today to a very special Idahoan. Don Burtenshaw, a farmer and rancher from Terreton, is retiring from the Idaho State Senate after serving five terms representing the 35th district. Having served in the Idaho State Legislature myself, I can attest to the work that this public office entails, and I would be pleased to be honoring him today if just for that. But Don's accomplishments and influence in and around Jefferson County went far beyond a seat in the State legislature.

Don is an active member of his church and owns Burtenshaw Cattle Company. He served as a partner in the Rexburg Livestock Auction, Salmon Livestock Auction, and the Bozeman Livestock Auction. According to the West Jefferson Lions Club, who has awarded Don its prestigious Spirit of Service Award this year, his long and selfless service to the community has touched the lives of many youth and adults alike. Don served on the Jefferson County districts 251 and 253 school boards for 24 years. He also served on the board of directors for the Owsley Canal.

Over the years, he has placed particular emphasis on the children of Jefferson County. And I am sure that with the time saved from having to drive to Boise 2 or 3 months a year, he will be able to focus more on the youth in his own family, including 38 grandchildren, with another coming very soon, and 23 great grandchildren.

I congratulate Don on his dedication to his fellow Idahoans, and Susan and I wish him well as he leaves State-level public service. I am certain his public commitment will continue in other ways at home in eastern Idaho.●

HONORING CHARLES WHITEPIPE, SR.

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, today I wish to honor and recognize a true hero and a great American. Charles I. Whitepipe, Sr., of Gregory, SD, passed into the spirit world at 7 on Monday

evening. Mr. Whitepipe, a Sicangu Lakota from the Rosebud tribe, valiantly served in the Army as a codetalker in World War II. He served as a "Forward Observer" on Japanese-held islands in the South Pacific, communicating by radio with a ship-based partner, using the Lakota language to direct artillery fire from ships at sea onto the islands.

During World War II, about a dozen known Sioux Indians were Army radio operators who used their native Lakota, Nakota and Dakota dialects to transmit strategic messages to foil enemy surveillance in both the Pacific and European theaters. There is no doubt that the bravery and the courage of Mr. Whitepipe and the other codetalkers helped to make the United States the free and proud place it is today. While Navajos have received the most recognition, it is important to remember that members of at least 17 other tribes also served as codetalkers in World War I and World War II.

The syntax and tonal qualities of the native languages were so complex that no message transmitted by any codetalker was ever decoded by the enemy. However, for the codetalkers who returned home there were no parades or special recognition, as they were sworn to secrecy, an oath they kept and honored, but one that robbed them of the accolades and place in history that they rightfully deserved.

The accomplishments of the codetalkers were even more heroic, given the cultural context in which they were operating. Subjected to alienation in their homeland and discouraged from speaking their native languages, they still stepped forward and developed the most significant and successful military code of their time. That spirit of military service continues today. Native Americans make up a higher percentage of servicemen and servicewomen in the armed forces than any other ethnic group in America. They have served with honor in all of America's wars, beginning with the Revolutionary War and on through our current operations in Iraq.●

HONORING MERRY TRUDEAU

● Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Merry Trudeau, a longtime employee of the Internal Revenue Service in Idaho.

Merry started with the IRS in 1976 in the collection division holding various positions, quickly advancing from clerical to Revenue representative to Revenue officer. She then advanced to problem resolution officer, which was the predecessor to the taxpayer advocate. This turned out to be Merry's true calling, and it is where my staff and I got to know her well.

All of us work with our constituents on a daily basis to help resolve issues with the IRS. Having a helpful, energetic, pleasant person at the IRS to work with makes our job so much easier. Merry is that person. She knows her

job well and she consistently seeks to serve Idahoans well. For that I am grateful.

On behalf of the hundreds, if not thousands, of Idahoans Merry has helped, I say thank you. Merry, we wish you the best in your next endeavor, knowing you will continue to serve your neighbors and community well.●

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF BATH, SOUTH DAKOTA

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to the 125th anniversary of the founding of the community of Bath, SD. After 125 years, this progressive community will have a chance to reflect on its past and future, and I congratulate the people of Bath for all that they have accomplished.

Bath is located in northeast South Dakota, within Brown County. The area that now makes up Bath Township was first settled by a trapper named Theodore A. Chose in 1878. As early as 1881, religious services were held by a Presbyterian clergyman from Watertown, and the first building, a hotel, was erected. In 1882 the Bath school district was organized, and by 1884, the civil township was organized along the same lines as the school district.

Today, Bath has come a long way from the days when several general stores and lumber yards made up the sum total of commerce. The town now boasts a variety of businesses, including those in both the services and manufacturing sectors. It also offers a variety of employment opportunities both within the township and in nearby Aberdeen, the metro area closest to Bath.

Bath has grown into a credit to Brown County and to the State of South Dakota. The people of Bath celebrated their achievements June 24-25. I am proud to join with the community members of Bath in celebrating the last 125 years and looking forward to a promising future.●

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

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.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 2:20 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by

Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 5403. An act to improve protections for children and to hold States accountable for the safe and timely placement of children across State lines, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5603. An act to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS)

At 3:30 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, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 42. An act to ensure that the right of an individual to display the flag of the United States on residential property not be abridged.

H.R. 4843. An act to increase, effective as of December 1, 2006, the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain service-connected disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4973. An act to restore the financial solvency of the national flood insurance program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5341. An act to amend section 5313 of title 31, United States Code, to reform certain requirements for reporting cash transactions, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 42. An act to ensure that the right of an individual to display the flag of the United States on residential property not be abridged; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 4843. An act to increase, effective as of December 1, 2006, the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain service-connected disabled veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 5341. An act to amend section 5313 of title 31, United States Code, to reform certain requirements for reporting cash transactions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

H.R. 4973. An act to restore the financial solvency of the national flood insurance program, and for other purposes.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 3590. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to delay the effective date of the amendments made by the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 requiring documentation

evidencing citizenship or nationality as a condition for receipt of medical assistance under the Medicaid program.

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-7354. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier Model BD-100-1A10 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-034)), received on June 18, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7355. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica S.A. Model EMB-120, -120ER, -120FC, -120QC, and -120RT Airplanes in Operation" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-021)), received on June 18, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7356. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A310-200 and -300 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2005-NM-231)), received on June 18, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7357. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Honeywell International Inc. ALF502L Series and ALF502R Series Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 92-ANE-34)), received on June 18, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7358. A communication from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, United States Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Massalina Bayou, Panama City, FL" (RIN1625-AA09) received on June 18, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7359. A communication from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, United States Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Anchorage Regulations; Port of New York and Vicinity" (RIN1625-AA01) received on June 18, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7360. A communication from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, United States Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulated Navigation Area; East Rockaway Inlet to Atlantic Beach Bridge, Nassau County, Long Island, New York" (RIN1625-AA11) received on June 18, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7361. A communication from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, United States Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zones (including 2 regulations): [CGD13-06-009], [COTP Charleston 06-003]" (RIN1625-AA00) received on June 18, 2006; to the Com-

mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7362. A communication from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, United States Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Chelsea River, Chelsea, MA" (RIN1625-AA09) received on June 18, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7363. A communication from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, United States Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulations (including 4 regulations): [CGD05-06-020], [CGD05-06-024], [CGD05-06-023], [CGD05-06-015]" (RIN1625-AA08) received on June 18, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7364. A communication from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, United States Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zones (including 5 regulations): [CGD09-06-024], [COTP Guam 06-008], [COTP Charleston 06-003], [CGD09-06-029], [CGD05-06-051]" (RIN1625-AA00) received on June 18, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7365. A communication from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, United States Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Security Zones (including 2 regulations): [CGD05-06-052], [CGD05-06-052]" (RIN1625-AA87) received on June 18, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7366. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Waste and Used Oil; Corrections to Errors in the Code of Federal Regulations" (FRL No. 8188-2) received on June 18, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7367. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Alabama; Open Burning Revision" (FRL No. 8187-1) received on June 18, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7368. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Missouri" (FRL No. 8188-6) received on June 18, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7369. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Kansas" (FRL No. 8188-4) received on June 18, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7370. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Site-Specific Regulations for University Laboratories XL Project" (FRL No. 8186-3) received on June 18, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.