

awarded him its coveted Meritorious Service Award for his contributions to his State and Nation.

Brigadier General D'Agostino is surrounded by a wonderful family. Together with his wife of almost 30 years, Frances, he has raised two children, Christopher and Alisa, of which they are very proud. He and Frances have been a remarkable example of husband and wife in service to the Air Force, to the Rhode Island National Guard, and to the Nation. Anyone who has enjoyed their friendship, treasures their company and their kindness.

Through Brigadier General D'Agostino's considerable efforts, the men and women of the Rhode Island National Guard have truly world-class facilities in which to accomplish their critical work. His consistent exceptional performance and exemplary character have secured his reputation as one of Rhode Island's most respected military officers.

The Rhode Island National Guard has never been stronger and more connected to the Army and Air Force. Brigadier General D'Agostino has set the groundwork for current and future Rhode Island National Guard facilities. His dedication to excellence and his unsurpassed devotion to duty, honor, and country have marked his distinguished service over 38 years.●

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF MARRIAGE

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Vert and Doris Voigt and Clayton and Minnie Wittmeier of Avon, SD. The Voigts were married on September 7 while the Wittmeier's were married on August 24, both 50 years ago this year.

The Voigts and Wittmeiers are close neighbors and even closer friends. Both couples were married in the Emmanuel Reformed Church in Springfield, SD, and for many years since have been active in the First Baptist Church in Avon. The Wittmeiers and the Voights have served and continue to serve as a great example of dedication and commitment; both in their marriages and through their friendship.

I would like to offer my congratulations to Vert and Doris Voigt and Clayton and Minnie Wittmeier on their anniversaries and wish them continued happiness in the years to come.●

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.)

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. 5684. An act to implement the United States-Oman Free Trade Agreement.

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-7720. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, a report relative to a bill entitled "Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2006"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7721. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of Commerce, transmitting, a report of draft legislation relative to amending the Communications Act of 1934, received on July 26, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7722. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, the report of a draft bill entitled "The Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Convention Act" received on July 16, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7723. A communication from the Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule to Implement Essential Fish Habitat and Habitat Areas of Particular Concern Conservation Measures" (RIN0648-AT09) received on July 26, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7724. A communication from the Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule to Revise Regulations Regarding Tagged Halibut and Tagged Sablefish" (RIN0648-AR09) received on July 26, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7725. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Specifications and Management Measures; Inseason Adjustments" (I.D.# 062706B) received on July 26, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7726. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Correction to the Guideline Harvest Level Regulations for the Pacific Halibut Charter Sport

Fishery in Waters in and off Alaska" ((RIN0648-AU30)(I.D.# 101501A)) received on July 26, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7727. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Administrator, received on July 26, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7728. 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 10 regulations beginning with CGD01-06-042)" (RIN1625-AA00) received on July 26, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7729. 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 Zone (including 10 regulations beginning with CGD09-06-080)" (RIN1625-AA00) received on July 6, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7730. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List of unclassified agreements 06-139-06-151); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7731. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed retransfer of Major Defense Equipment (MDE) of defense articles or defense services in the amount of \$14,000,000 or more to Gabon; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. STEVENS, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 3661. A bill to amend section 29 of the International Air Transportation Competition Act of 1979 relating to air transportation to and from Love Field, Texas (Rept. No. 109-317).

By Ms. COLLINS, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

H.R. 4646. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7320 Reseda Boulevard in Reseda, California, as the "Coach John Wooden Post Office Building".

H.R. 4811. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 215 West Industrial Park Road in Harrison, Arkansas, as the "John Paul Hamerschmidt Post Office Building".

H.R. 4962. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 Pitcher Street in Utica, New York, as the "Captain George A. Wood Post Office Building".

H.R. 5104. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1750 16th Street South in St. Petersburg, Florida, as the "Morris W. Milton Post Office".

H.R. 5107. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1400 West Jordan Street in Pensacola, Florida, as the "Earl D. Hutto Post Office Building".