

signed into law to bring small businesses relief.

Mr. President, I again commend WVOM's "Back to Business" program, which is a true public service to Mainers. Their mission to educate elected officials, opinion leaders, and the people of Maine about the importance of small businesses to our economy and our country is invaluable.●

#### GFWC TRAVELERS CLUB CELEBRATES 100TH ANNIVERSARY

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize GFWC Travelers Club of Chamberlain, SD. On September 12, 2006, GFWC Travelers Club celebrated its 100th anniversary.

As the oldest continuing volunteer club in Brule County, GFWC Travelers Club has been a leader in providing funding and assistance in numerous areas. They have been involved in founding and supporting libraries, both locally and nationally, granting educational scholarships, helping to maintain Ellsworth Air Force Base in South Dakota and many other valuable and necessary community projects.

It gives me great pleasure to rise and recognize the great work that GFWC Travelers Club has done and to wish them all the best of luck as they celebrate their 100th anniversary.●

#### RECOGNIZING THE CUSTER SENIOR CENTER

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize the Custer Senior Center of Custer, SD, on its 35th anniversary. Custer Senior Center truly deserves this recognition for its years of service to the seniors of Custer and of South Dakota.

The Custer Senior Center first began when VISTA volunteers Peggy and David Viers placed an advertisement in the Custer Chronicle asking those interested in starting a community senior center to meet at the Community Church on April 6, 1970. The citizens of Custer came together and the Senior Center officially opened in May of 1970 with 52 charter members.

Since this time, the Custer Senior Center has provided an invaluable community service by creating a welcoming place for Custer's senior citizens to meet together for fellowship and support. I am confident that the Senior Center will continue to bring together Custer's citizens of all ages in the years to come.

I would like to offer my congratulations to the Custer Senior Center on their 35th anniversary and wish them the best of luck as they celebrate this important event.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 9:33 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the

report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 5631) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the amendments of the Senate to the amendments of the House to the bill (S. 3525) to amend subpart 2 of part B of title IV of the Social Security Act to improve outcomes for children in families affected by methamphetamine abuse and addiction, to reauthorize the promoting safe and stable families program, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has passed the bill (S. 403) to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit taking minors across State lines in circumvention of laws requiring the involvement of parents in abortion decisions, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

#### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The message also announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 1275. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7172 North Tongass Highway, Ward Cove, Alaska, as the "Alice R. Brusich Post Office Building".

S. 1323. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located on Lindbald Avenue, Girdwood, Alaska, as the "Dorothy and Connie Hibbs Post Office Building".

S. 2690. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8801 Sudley road in Manassas, Virginia, as the "Harry J. Parrish Post Office".

H.R. 1442. An act to complete the codification of title 46, United States Code, "Shipping", as positive law.

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

#### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 11:57 a.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 bill:

S. 3525. An act to amend part B of title IV of the Social Security Act to reauthorize the promoting safe and stable families program, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

At 1:06 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, 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. 971. An act to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of certain hydroelectric projects in Connecticut, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1215. An act to provide for the implementation of a Green Chemistry Research and Development Program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2679. An act to amend the Revised Statutes of the United States to prevent the use of the legal system in a manner that extorts money from State and local governments, and the Federal Government, and inhibits such governments' constitutional actions under the first, tenth, and fourteenth amendments.

H.R. 4377. An act to extend the time required for construction of a hydroelectric project, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4417. An act to provide for the reinstatement of a license for a certain Federal Energy Regulatory project.

H.R. 4559. An act to provide for the conveyance of certain National Forest System land to the towns of Laona and Wabeno, Wisconsin, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4942. An act to establish a capability and office to promote cooperation between entities of the United States and its allies in the global war on terrorism for the purpose of engaging in cooperative endeavors focused on the research, development, and commercialization of high-priority technologies intended to detect, prevent, respond to, recover from, and mitigate against acts of terrorism and other high consequence events and to address the homeland security needs of Federal, State, and local governments.

H.R. 5092. An act to modernize and reform the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives.

H.R. 5103. An act to provide for the conveyance of the former Konnarock Lutheran Girls School in Smyth County, Virginia, which is currently owned by the United States and administered by the Forest Service, to facilitate the restoration and reuse of the property, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5136. An act to establish a National Integrated Drought Information System within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to improve drought monitoring and forecasting capabilities.

H.R. 5313. An act to reserve a small percentage of the amounts made available to the Secretary of Agriculture for the farmland protection program to fund challenge grants to encourage the purchase of conservation easements and other interests in land to be held by a State agency, county, or other eligible entity, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5533. An act to prepare and strengthen the biodefenses of the United States against deliberate, accidental, and natural outbreaks of illness, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5835. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve information management within the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6131. An act to permit certain expenditures from the Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund.

H.R. 6159. An act to extend temporarily certain authorities of the Small Business Administration.

H.R. 6160. An act to recruit and retain Border Patrol Agents.

H.R. 6164. An act to amend title IV of the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend the authorities of the National Institutes of Health, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 176. An act to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Alaska.

S. 244. An act to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Wyoming.

The message also announced that pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 9355(a), amended

by Public Law 108-375, and the order of the House of December 18, 2005, the Speaker reappoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the Board of Visitors to the United States Air Force Academy: Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan.

At 3:00 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, 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. 483. Concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate.

At 6:13 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 3850. An act to improve ratings quality for the protection of investors and in the public interest by fostering accountability, transparency, and competition in the credit rating agency industry.

At 6:57 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Chiappardi, 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. 5347. An act to reauthorize the HOPE VI program for revitalization of public housing projects.

H.R. 6166. An act to amend title 10, United States Code, to authorize trial by military commission for violations of the law of war, and for other purposes.

#### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The message further announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 176. An act to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Alaska.

S. 244. An act to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Wyoming.

H.R. 2066. An act to amend title 40, United States Code, to establish a Federal Acquisition Service, to replace the General Supply Fund and the Information Technology Fund with an Acquisition Services Fund, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5074. An act to amend the Railroad Retirement Act of 1974 to provide for continued payment of railroad retirement annuities by the Department of the treasury, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5187. An act to amend the John F. Kennedy Center Act to authorize additional appropriations for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts for fiscal year 2007.

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

S. 3936. A bill to invest in innovation and education to improve the competitiveness of the United States in the global economy.

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

H.R. 4377. An act to extend the time required for construction of a hydroelectric project, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4417. An act to provide for the reinstatement of a license for a certain Federal Energy Regulatory project.

#### MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 5132. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of including in the National Park System certain sites in Monroe County, Michigan, relating to the Battles of the River Raisin during the War of 1812.

#### ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate announced that on today, September 27, 2006, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 1275. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7172 North Tongass Highway, Ward Cove, Alaska, as the "Alice R. Brusich Post Office Building".

S. 1323. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located on Lindbald Avenue, Girdwood, Alaska, as the "Dorothy and Connie Hibbs Post Office Building".

S. 2690. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8801 Sudley road in Manassas, Virginia, as the "Harry J. Parrish Post Office".

S. 3525. An act to amend part B of title IV of the Social Security Act to reauthorize the promoting safe and stable families program, and for other purposes.

#### 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-8435. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Importation of Table Grapes from Namibia" (Docket No. APHIS-2006-0025) received on September 22, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8436. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Review Group, Commodity Credit Corporation, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Storage, Handling, and Ginning Requirements for Cotton Marketing Assistance Loan Collateral" (RIN0560-AH48) received on September 22, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8437. A communication from the Under Secretary, Research Education Economics, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Research Initiative Competitive Grants Program—Revisions to Administrative Provisions" (RIN0524-AA32) received on September 22, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8438. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Comprehensive Everglades Res-

toration Plan; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8439. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Migratory Bird Hunting: Late Seasons and Bag and Possession Limits for Certain Migratory Game Birds" (RIN1018-AU42) received on September 21, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8440. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Migratory Bird Hunting: Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations on Certain Federal Indian Reservations and Ceded Lands for the 2006-07 Early Season" (RIN1018-AU42) received on September 21, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8441. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Migratory Bird Hunting: Final Frameworks for Late Season Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations" (RIN1018-AU42) received on September 21, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8442. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the manufacture of significant military equipment abroad and the export of defense articles or defense services in the amount of \$50,000,000 to Jordan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8443. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rural Health Clinics: Amendments to Participation Requirements and Payment Provisions; and Establishment of a Quality Assessment and Performance Improvement Program; Suspension of Effectiveness" ((RIN0938-AJ17)(CMS-1910-IFC)) received on September 22, 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8444. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fire Safety Requirements for Certain Health Care Facilities: Alcohol-Based Hand Sanitizer Amendment" ((RIN0938-AN36)(CMS-3145-F)) received on September 22, 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8445. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Court Orders and Legal Processes Affecting Thrift Savings Plan Accounts" (5 CFR Part 1653) received on September 22, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8446. 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 "Bentazon, Carboxin, Dipropyl Isocinchomeronate, Oil of Lemongrass (Oil of Lemon) and Oil of Orange; Tolerance Actions" (FRL No. 8093-5) received on September 22, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8447. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office