

school, Chris had a summer internship at Harvard Legal Aid, which changed his life. He could have been a private attorney with a high salary and a fraction of the workload of a public interest attorney. However, Chris devoted his entire professional career to Delaware's Community Legal Aid Society. Some of the highlights of his very bright career were when he argued before the Delaware Supreme Court.

One of his passions was the issue of safe, affordable, and adequate housing. The original Legal Aid Society dates back to 1946, but just recently CLASI added the Fair Housing Program to enforce fair housing rights for all people regardless of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, and familial status. This is in large part due to Chris's commitment to this issue. He was involved with many community development and housing organizations and took up the cause before the State general assembly. He wrote a new State law to settle conflicts between manufactured-home owners and landlords. He also reworked New Castle County's landlord-tenant code so tenants could better understand their rights.

Chris's hard work was widely recognized by his peers. He received the New Lawyers Distinguished Service Award from the Delaware State Bar Association in 1999 and the Kind Policy Award from the Delaware Housing Coalition in 1997.

Only days after his passing, one of his many projects was opened in downtown Wilmington. He had led the renovation of an abandoned commercial space into "Shipley Lofts," a 23-unit artist community. The 1,500-square-foot gallery has been named the Christopher W. White Gallery in his memory, and the nonprofit organization that oversees the project has been renamed the Christopher W. White Community Development Corporation.

Chris gave everything he had—mind, body, time, resources—to those without a voice. Tragically, he was hit by a car in front of the building he worked so hard to develop as a place of vitality and creativity.

The loss of Christopher W. White is a great loss to Delaware. He will be truly missed. My sympathies go out to his family, friends, and colleagues, especially his wife Leandria and their children, Josh and Kayla, and his mother, Donna. ●

REMEMBERING CHRISTOPHER C. BOLKCOM

● Mr. McCAIN. Mr. President, I wish to speak in order to honor the life and achievements of Christopher C. Bolkcom, Congressional Research Service Specialist, on the occasion of the first anniversary of his passing away, on May 1, 2009.

Christopher Bolkcom served Congress with distinction for 9 years at the Library of Congress as a specialist in military aviation for the Congressional

Research Service. He held a bachelor's degree in international relations from the University of Minnesota, a master's degree in international affairs from American University in Washington, DC, and a master's degree in national security strategy from the National War College in Washington, DC.

Christopher was born on June 13, 1962, in Minneapolis, MN, raised there and then spent his adult life and career in the National Capitol Region until his untimely death on May 1, 2009.

Christopher was recognized throughout Congress, the military Services, the defense community, and the aeronautical industry as an expert on the management, operational use and procurement of military aircraft. In that capacity, he assisted Congress in its legislative and oversight activities, including testifying before the Senate Armed Services Committee; the House Armed Services Committee; the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee; and the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee. Christopher published many influential CRS reports on such subjects as Air Force aerial refueling; the role of airpower in counterinsurgency operations; tactical aviation and bomber force modernization; military aviation safety; suppression of enemy air defenses; and protecting commercial aircraft from shoulder-fired missiles. He provided objective, expert analysis on a number of issues, including the Joint Strike Fighter and the KC-X Tanker, to Congress, the Senate Armed Services Committee, and to me and my staff personally—analysis for which I am very grateful.

Christopher displayed generous enthusiasm for meeting the professional needs of colleagues and clients, enlivened by persistent humor and wit in his interpersonal relations. He worked hard at his public duties. He also played hard with friends, whether skiing or kick-boxing, and found time to serve others, at for example the Falls Church Presbyterian Church in Falls Church, VA.

On this occasion—the first anniversary of Christopher's passing away—I want to honor the life and achievements of Congressional Research Service Specialist Christopher Bolkcom, who is survived by his loving family, including his children Jessica and Maxwell Bolkcom; their mother Mary Anne Alexander; his parents Gene and Ann Bolkcom; his sister Elizabeth Matteson; his brother Bill Bolkcom; and his nephew Tristin Matteson. ●

TRIBUTE TO VICE ADMIRAL MIKE LOOSE

● Mr. McCAIN. Mr. President, I would like to take a moment today to recognize the extraordinary contributions of VADM Mike Loose, Civil Engineer Corps, U.S. Navy to our Nation. Vice Admiral Loose has served with exceptional distinction as the Deputy Chief

of Naval Operations, CNO, for Fleet Readiness and Logistics, a position of great responsibility, from January 2007 to April 2010.

Vice Admiral Loose brought a unique and remarkable perspective to the CNO's leadership team, resulting in profound innovations to Navy policy, programs, and resourcing. His professional reach extended to the Joint Staff, the other Services, our international defense partners, and the industry to achieve alignment and collaboration resulting in great benefits to everyone involved. He was the visionary leader and driving force behind the Navy's transition from a level-of-effort based budget to a model-based approach that links Afloat Readiness to output metrics and resources. This transformational leap provided senior Navy leadership the intellectual basis and the tools to enhance core Warfighting capabilities in a restrained fiscal environment and to clearly define the relationship between baseline and overseas contingency operations funding.

Vice Admiral Loose was also the vanguard who recognized the strategic imperative of energy to the employment of Navy combat forces and spearheaded the establishment of Task Force Energy and the Navy Energy Coordination Office 2 years ago. He fully established the mindset that energy is a tactical advantage and strategic enabler for military forces. In short order, his Energy organization was recognized as the premier model for the other Services and as the foundation for the DON's Energy program. In addition, he profoundly reshaped and expertly guided the Navy's Environmental Program at a time when the importance of the program was paramount. His foresight and energetic leadership ensured the Navy achieved regulatory milestones and uninterrupted, critical operational training in support of national command authority objectives.

In recognition of the enormous challenges inherently facing the funding of future ownership costs of existing and new systems Vice Admiral Loose directed the development of a "2030 and Beyond" assessment that demonstrated that the growth in future ownership costs of existing and new systems would far exceed the expected growth in the Navy's topline budget over the next 20 years. His efforts led to an increased focus on total ownership costs across the Navy, specific direction in the 2010 Chief of Naval Operations Guidance and his assignment as the Navy's Executive Agent for Total Ownership Costs.

Today, I honor Vice Admiral Loose for his service to our country, his inspirational and visionary leadership, his extraordinary strength of character and moral courage, and his irrepressible drive and leadership. He and his wife Carol and their son Chris have made many sacrifices during his career in the Navy. I call upon my colleagues

to join his family, friends, and association to wish them "fair winds and following seas."•

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Neiman, 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.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 9:52 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, 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. 3808. An act to require any Federal or State court to recognize any notarization made by a notary public licensed by a State other than the State where the court is located when such notarization occurs in or affects interstate commerce.

H.R. 5017. An act to ensure the availability of loan guarantees for rural homeowners.

H.R. 5146. An act to provide that Members of Congress shall not receive a cost of living adjustment in pay during fiscal year 2011.

At 1:23 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, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 5147. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend authorizations for the airport improvement program, 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. 3808. An act to require any Federal or State court to recognize any notarization made by a notary public licensed by a State other than the State where the court is located when such notarization occurs in or affects interstate commerce; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 5017. An act to ensure the availability of loan guarantees for rural homeowners; 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. 5146. An act to provide that Members of Congress shall not receive a cost of living adjustment in pay during fiscal year 2011.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. KERRY for the Committee on Foreign Relations.

*Mari Carmen Aponte, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of El Salvador.

Nominee: Mari Carmen Aponte
Post: El Salvador

(The following is a list of all members of my immediate family and their spouses. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.)

Contributions, amount, date, donee:

1. Self: \$500, 4-22-05, Cong. Nydia Velázquez; -\$540, 6-29-05, Latina RoundTable PAC (\$540 Refund from Contribution prior to 2005.); \$4000, 6-30-06, DCCC; \$250, 2-23-07, Cong. Jose Serrano; \$400, 4-30-0, Dorgan for Senate; \$2000, 12-28, Salazar 2008; \$1000, 2-19-0, H Clinton Committee; \$150, 3-05-0, Tadeo for Congress; \$200, 6-10-0, McMahon for Congress; \$800, 6-10-0, Salazar 2008; \$5000, 9-19-0, Poder PAC; \$5000, 10-30-08, Obama Victory Fund; \$1000, 12-05-08, Poder PAC; \$1000, 03-03-09, Becerra for Congress; \$500, 03-18-09, Pleitez for Congress; \$500, 04-22-09, Cong. Nydia Velázquez; \$500, 05-11-09, DSCC; \$100, 6-29-09, Amigos de Salazar; \$250, 9-11-09, DSCC; \$1000, 10-16-09; Menendez for Senate; \$1000, 10-28-09, Ctee to Re-elect N Velázquez; \$1000, 11-11-09, Ctee to Re-elect N Velázquez; -\$1000, 02-02-10, Refund Poder PAC (\$1000 Refund from Contribution made in error in 2008).

2. Grandparents: All four Grandparents deceased before 2005.

3. Father: Rene Aponte—deceased on June 17, 1989.

4. Mother: Maria Cristina Rodriguez, since 2005—DCCC, 6-24-06, \$2000; DNC, 9-15-08, \$35.

5. Sister: Maria Teresita Aponte Aloma, since 2005—DCCC, 6-30-06, \$2000; Salazar 2008, 12-28-07, \$1000.

6. Step Sister: Kate Wood, since 2005—Ctee to Re-elect N Velázquez, 4-25-05, \$1000; Ctee to Re-elect N Velázquez, 10-20-05, \$1000; Obama for America, 9-17-08, \$300; Obama for America, 9-30-08, \$250.

7. Step Brother: Bill Wood, since 2005—Ctee to Re-elect N Velázquez, 9-29-05, \$500.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN for the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

*Dana Katherine Bilyeu, of Nevada, to be a Member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board for a term expiring October 11, 2011.

*Michael D. Kennedy, of Georgia, to be a Member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board for a term expiring September 25, 2010.

*Michael D. Kennedy, of Georgia, to be a Member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board for a term expiring September 25, 2014.

*Dennis P. Walsh, of Maryland, to be Chairman of the Special Panel on Appeals for a term of six years.

*Milton C. Lee, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

*Todd E. Edelman, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Su-

perior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

*Judith Anne Smith, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 3268. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to prohibit individuals who have worked on motor vehicle safety issues at NHTSA from assisting motor vehicle manufacturers with NHTSA compliance matters for a period of 3 years after terminating employment at NHTSA, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mr. DODD, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 3269. A bill to provide driver safety grants to States with graduated driver licensing laws that meet certain minimum requirements; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. MCCAIN:

S. 3270. A bill to include the county of Mohave, in the State of Arizona, as an affected area for purposes of making claims under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act based on exposure to atmospheric nuclear testing; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico:

S. 3271. A bill to amend section 30166 of title 49, United States Code, to require the installation of event data recorders in all motor vehicles manufactured for sale in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BENNET:

S. 3272. A bill to provide greater controls and restrictions on revolving door lobbying; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mrs. HUTCHISON):

S. 3273. A bill to establish a program to provide southern border security assistance grants, to authorize the appointment of additional Federal judges in states along the southern border, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. BROWN of Ohio):

S. 3274. A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to address the use of intrathecal pumps; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 3275. A bill to extend the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act, to provide customs support services to Haiti, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 3276. A bill to provide an election to terminate certain capital construction funds without penalties; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico:

S. 3277. A bill to amend the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to reserve funds under the programs for payments