

that care in a more cost effective way. Hugh has even opened his own home to provide a measure of stability to a young person in need of encouragement and opportunity. Countless disadvantaged individuals have benefitted from his dedicated work, much of which was done behind the scenes but always with the best interest of the people he served in mind.

Hugh has been the recipient of many awards over the span of his career, including the United Way Social Worker of the Year and the Sioux Falls Catholic Schools' Hall of Fame. The State of South Dakota has also benefitted from Hugh's expertise in the field of social services. He has served on many State committees and task forces created to best serve the poorest of our State.

Hugh and I share a commitment to providing access to affordable housing, recognizing that it is a critical ingredient for future success. His honorable service has been marked by a true sense of dedication to providing consistent guidance and stewardship. His warm sense of humor puts everyone around him at ease, and he treats each person with respect and dignity. My wife Barbara and I are proud to count Hugh as a friend, as well as an ally in the pursuit of social justice.

I commend Hugh for his passionate and tireless commitment to serving those in need. He has worked for affordable housing for 30 years, and will take his tireless work ethic to the Department of Veterans Affairs as an outreach worker for homeless veterans. I wish Hugh and his wife Jan all the best in the future.●

#### 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF AGAR, SOUTH DAKOTA

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to the 100th anniversary of the founding of Agar, SD. This rural community in Sully County is small, but its size is its strength. Agar is a warm, caring community full of people who are always willing to lend a helping hand.

When Chicago and Northwestern Railway Company decided to connect two of its lines, Agar was formed on the land of Charles Agar. Within the first year, several buildings had been constructed. The little town continued to flourish as an agricultural hub. A post office, newspaper, ice cream shop, and a bank were all started in 1910. In May of 1910, the town constructed an artesian well that flowed at 78 gallons per minute.

Agar's centennial celebration promises to be a great time, with bull riding, dances, and a softball tournament. The town will also be having a 2-day wagon train, covering beautiful farmland as well as the famous Sutton Bay Golf Resort. This weekend centennial celebration will gather together "Agarians" of all generations to celebrate all that this very proud community has accomplished.

One hundred years ago, this small town was founded on hard work and perseverance. Today, those values continue to permeate everything this town does. Small towns like Agar are the backbone of South Dakota, and I am proud to congratulate them on reaching this historic milestone.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, 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

##### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 10:08 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:

H.R. 5139. An act to provide for the International Organizations Immunities Act to be extended to the Office of the High Representative in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the International Civilian Office in Kosovo.

At 10:34 a.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. 3885. An act to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program on dog training therapy.

H.R. 5145. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the continuing professional education reimbursement provided to health professionals employed by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2711) to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for the transportation of dependents, remains, and effects of certain Federal employees who die while performing official duties or as a result of the performance of official duties.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 106 of the Higher Education Opportunity Act (Public Law 110-315) and the order of the House of January 6, 2009, the Speaker appoints the following members on the part of the House of Representatives to the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity for a term of 6 years: Upon the recommendation of the Majority Leader: Dr. Carolyn Williams of Bronx, New York, Dr. William "Brit" Kirwan of

Adelphi, Maryland, and Dr. Benjamin J. Allen of Cedar Falls, Iowa; Upon recommendation of the Minority Leader: Dr. Art Keiser of Parkland, Florida, Mr. Arthur Rothkopf of Washington, DC, and Dr. William Pepicello of Phoenix, Arizona.

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 3410. A bill to create a fair and efficient system to resolve claims of victims for economic injury caused by the Deepwater Horizon incident, and to direct the Secretary of the Interior to renegotiate the terms of the lease known as "Mississippi Canyon 252" with respect to claims relating to the Deepwater Horizon explosion and oil spill that exceed existing applicable economic liability limitations.

S. 3421. A bill to provide a temporary extension of certain programs, and for other purposes.

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. HARKIN for the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

\*Adam Gamoran, of Wisconsin, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences for a term expiring November 28, 2011.

\*Deborah Loewenberg Ball, of Michigan, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences for a term expiring November 28, 2012.

\*Margaret R. McLeod, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences for a term expiring November 28, 2012.

\*Bridget Terry Long, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences for a term expiring November 28, 2012.

\*David K. Mineta, of California, to be Deputy Director for Demand Reduction, Office of National Drug Control Policy.

\*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.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 3885. An act to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program on dog training therapy; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 5145. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the continuing professional education reimbursement provided to health professionals employed by the Department of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first