

forces in OPEC that continue to enslave us to their output. We should work on developing Hydrogen fuel cell technology and put real delivery ability on the ground because who is going to buy a car he cannot refuel? We absolutely must develop nuclear reactor improvements and capacity which is being developed right now in Idaho. Limit individual financial incentives for energy savings because their cost savings should be incentive enough and any rewards beyond that are too open to fraudulent claims and wasting taxpayer money. Congress is too good at wasting our money already. Buying "conservation credits" like Al Gore does for his estate is a sham for the wealthy. It is akin to buying indulgences centuries ago that was the final "straw" that began Martin Luther's Reformation. The [conservatives] in Congress lazily missed an opportunity to make a worthwhile energy policy that "thinks outside the box" in the last several years and, I fear, that if the [liberals] win control of either house in November that we are doomed to suffer the consequences laid out over a thousand years ago by a Greek philosopher that all democracies are doomed to failure that as the people vote more liberties and indulgences to themselves their governments will be more unable to pay for them and they will lapse into anarchy. I believe we are in the third of his four stages right now.

I hope this has not been too boring or offensive. We, as a nation, must act to avoid an energy demand catastrophe, and our Congress is that body that our forefathers have ordained as the ones to do that task. I appreciate your time if you have really read this, BILL, Idaho Falls.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### TRIBUTE TO WOODFORD COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

• Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, today I invite my colleagues to join me in congratulating Jane Brannen and Adam Horn from Woodford County High School, Versailles, KY, for receiving the Achievement Award in writing. This year only 525 students around the country were recipients of this award.

The Achievement Award in writing is given to students who show excellence in English and writing. To be eligible for the award, students must submit a previously written paper and then be invited to participate in a timed essay.

Jane Brannen and Adam Horn both have shown great analytical and writing skills in their submitted papers. I am impressed by the excellence these two students have displayed, and I am confident that they will have success in greater challenges in the future.

Mr. President, I would like to thank Jane Brannen and Adam Horn for their contributions to the Commonwealth of Kentucky and wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors.●

##### TRIBUTE TO KYLE DARPEL

• Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, today I invite my colleagues to join me in congratulating Kyle Darpel from Covington Catholic High School, Park Hills, KY, for receiving the Achievement Award in writing. This year only 525 students around the country were recipients of this award.

The Achievement Award in writing is given to students who show excellence in English and writing. To be eligible for the award, students must submit a previously written paper and then be invited to participate in a timed essay.

Kyle Darpel has shown great analytical and writing skills in his submitted paper. I am impressed by the excellence Kyle has displayed, and I am confident that he will have success in greater challenges in the future.

Mr. President, I would like to thank Kyle Darpel for his contribution to the Commonwealth of Kentucky and wish him the best of luck in their future endeavors.●

##### TRIBUTE TO J. MARI LYNN THOMPSON

• Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, today I invite my colleagues to join me in congratulating J. Mari Lynn Thompson from Sacred Heart Academy, Louisville, KY, for receiving the Achievement Award in writing. This year only 525 students around the country were recipients of this award.

The Achievement Award in writing is given to students who show excellence in English and writing. To be eligible for the award, students must submit a previously written paper and then be invited to participate in a timed essay.

J. Mari Lynn Thompson has shown great analytical and writing skills in her submitted paper. I am impressed by the excellence she has displayed, and I am confident that she will have success in greater challenges in the future.

Mr. President, I would like to thank J. Mari Lynn Thompson for her contribution to the Commonwealth of Kentucky and wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors.●

##### TRIBUTE TO CHRISTOPHER G. CAINE

• Mr. LIEBERMAN. Mr. President, I wish today to honor Christopher G. Caine, who will be leaving International Business Machines, IBM, Corporation after 25 years.

For the past 13 years, Chris has served as IBM's vice president for governmental programs. At this position, Chris has had responsibility for all global public policy issues that impact the IBM Corporation. He represented IBM at a number of policy and economic forums that addressed critical issues in the emerging global economy, including the 2004 National Intelligence Council Conference convened by the Center for Strategic and International Studies; the 2003 World Knowledge Forum in Seoul, Korea; the 2003 World Economic Forum; and events put on by the Shanghai International Forum and the Congressional Black Caucus.

Before taking his current position, Chris served as IBM's director of Human Resources and Environmental Policy, where he worked on a variety of domestic policy issues including health-care reform, labor, personnel,

health and safety, environment, and energy. Prior to that, he worked in a variety of government relations capacities for IBM as well as Coca Cola, the Eaton Corporation, and the Electronic Industries Association.

In addition to his professional success, Chris has taken the time to use his skills and expertise for public service. He currently serves on the State Department's Advisory Committees on International Economic Policy and International Communication and Information Policy, where he shares his expertise on global economic issues with our country's top foreign policymakers. He was appointed by then-Governor MARK WARNER to the Virginia Information Technology Investment Board, which works to provide the Commonwealth's government with information technology that will improve efficiency, safeguard important information, and enable the government to better serve the public. He also serves on the advisory boards of the Global Strategy Institute, Ford's Theatre, the Constitution Project, and Brainfood.

Last year, Chris established the Caine's Scholar Award for Global Leadership, Business and Policy at Lafayette College, where he earned his bachelor's degree. This award provides recipients, who are enrolled in Lafayette's policy studies program, a stipend for a summer internship experience. Chris has stated that he created this award with the hope that it will help develop a new generation of leaders that have an appreciation for public policy and business in a global environment.

Looking forward, Chris plans to start his own professional service firm, which will help its clients engage and succeed in our increasingly global economy. If Chris can provide his new clients with the same level of service he gave to IBM and his previous employers, I am confident that his new venture will be a resounding success.

I offer my congratulations and sincere best wishes to Christopher Caine, his wife Betsy, and their two children as he prepares for this exciting new phase in his life.●

##### REMEMBERING CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT PAUL WESLEY AIREY

• Mr. NELSON of Florida. Mr. President, on March 11, 2009, our Nation lost a true American hero, the Air Force's first chief master sergeant, Paul Wesley Airey.

During his 27 years of service, Chief Airey served during both World War II and Korea and earned numerous awards and decorations: the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Medal with oak leaf cluster, the Air Force Commendation Medal, the POW medal, and the Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster.

During World War II, Chief Airey served as an aerial gunner on B-24 bombers and became a prisoner of war from July 1944 to May 1945.

After serving during Korea, Chief Airey became first sergeant for the Air Defense Command's 4756th Civil Engineering Squadron at Tyndall Air Force Base, FL, where he retired on August 1, 1970.

Grace and I would like to extend our most sincere condolences to the family of this American hero, including retired CMSgt Dale Airey, who followed in his father's footsteps.

Chief Airey is among the most respected and iconic figures in the Air Force. He dedicated his life to the protection of this country, and for that we honor his memory.●

#### 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.)

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

##### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 2:03 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 bill:

H.R. 1512. 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.

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

#### MEASURES REFERRED ON MARCH 19, 2009

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

H.R. 1216. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1100 Town and Country Commons in Chesterfield, Missouri, as the "Lance Corporal Matthew P. Pathenos Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

S. 651. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to impose an excise tax on

excessive bonuses paid by, and received from, companies receiving Federal emergency economic assistance, to limit the amount of nonqualified deferred compensation that employees of such companies may defer from taxation, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1586. An act to impose an additional tax on bonuses received from certain TARP recipients.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary:

Report to accompany S. 386, a bill to improve enforcement of mortgage fraud, securities fraud, financial institution fraud, and other frauds related to federal assistance and relief programs, for the recovery of funds lost to these frauds, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 111-10).

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S. 256. A bill to enhance the ability to combat methamphetamine.

#### 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 Ms. COLLINS:

S. 664. A bill to create a systemic risk monitor for the financial system of the United States, to oversee financial regulatory activities of the Federal Government, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. FEINGOLD:

S. 665. A bill to allow modified bloc voting by cooperative associations of milk producers in connection with a referendum on Federal milk marketing order reform; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. FEINGOLD:

S. 666. A bill to prohibit products that contain dry ultra-filtered milk products, milk protein concentrate, or casein from being labeled as domestic natural cheese, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. FEINGOLD:

S. 667. A bill to amend the Agricultural Adjustment Act to prohibit the Secretary of Agriculture from basing minimum prices for Class I milk on the distance or transportation costs from any location that is not within a marketing area, except under certain circumstances, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 668. A bill to reauthorize the Northwest Straits Marine Conservation Initiative Act to promote the protection of the resources of the Northwest Straits, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BURR (for himself, Mr. WEBB, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. WICKER, Mr. COBURN, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. VITTER, Mr. ENZI, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. THUNE):

S. 669. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the conditions under which certain persons may be treated as adjudicated mentally incompetent for certain

purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 670. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to encourage States to provide pregnant women enrolled in the Medicaid program with access to comprehensive tobacco cessation services; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. INOUE, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 671. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coverage of marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services under part B of the Medicare program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. KERRY):

S. Res. 81. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of World Water Day; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LIEBERMAN,

Mr. CASEY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. REED, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. KENNEDY, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. DODD, Mr. GREGG, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. CARPER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. KOHL, Mr. RISCH, Mr. INOUE, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. ISAKSON, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. NELSON of Florida, and Mr. JOHN-SON):

S. Res. 82. A resolution recognizing the 188th anniversary of the independence of Greece and celebrating Greek and American democracy; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BROWN:

S. Con. Res. 12. A concurrent resolution recognizing and honoring the signing by President Abraham Lincoln of the legislation authorizing the establishment of collegiate programs at Gallaudet University; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 27

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 27, a bill to establish the Daniel Webster Congressional Clerkship Program.

S. 244

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 244, a bill to expand programs of early childhood home visitation that increase school readiness, child abuse and neglect prevention, and early identification of developmental and health delays, including potential mental health concerns, and for other purposes.