

health," which is a fitting tribute for a man that has dedicated his life to the public good.

Gerry is also a loving and devoted husband to his wife of 45 years, Kay, and an outstanding role model for his children, Gerald, Harold, and John, and for his grandchild, Taylor. In fact, I am reminded every day of his efforts in this regard through the work of his son, Harold, a member of my staff for the last 15 years. Gerry has been an active member of his community as well, helping to develop the Northwest Academy, a charter school in Charlevoix County, leading a troop of Boy Scouts, and serving as a Big Brother.

Gerry has set a high standard and has left a lasting footprint which will endure for many years to come. I know my colleagues will join me in congratulating Gerry on his many impressive accomplishments over the last thirty-seven years. I wish him the best as he begins a new chapter in life.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO FRANK SPRINGOB

• Mr. KOHL. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Greenfield Chief of Police Frank Springob for 46 years of service to the community and State of Wisconsin. I am honored to have the opportunity to congratulate my friend and great member of law enforcement, Chief Springob, on his retirement.

From an early age, Frank Springob was destined to become a police officer. Growing up on Milwaukee's south side, Frank spent a lot of time visiting his local police station and officers who became Frank's first mentors. Frank began his career as a police clerk trainee and with an unparalleled commitment to community service, spent the next 29 years working his way up through the ranks of the Greenfield Police Department, until he was appointed Greenfield's chief of police in 1994.

Throughout his career, Frank remained endlessly committed to helping improve the lives of the residents he swore to protect and serve. During his time on the police force, Frank has seen the population of the city more than double. His encyclopedic knowledge of law enforcement and the history of the city helped ensure that the people of Greenfield received a special brand of policing—one focused, above all else, on helping people.

During his time as chief, Frank has overseen the development and construction of the Law Enforcement Center, while maintaining one of the best, most cost effective departments in the State of Wisconsin. Still, Frank's greatest legacy as chief of police will be the team of officers he has helped shape and the incredible work they will continue to do serving the residents of Greenfield.

Chief Frank Springob is an outstanding example of a true public serv-

ant and his dedication to protecting others has set a standard that we can all admire. The city of Greenfield and the State of Wisconsin have benefitted greatly from his service and I am proud to offer these words in recognition of his extraordinary career.●

RECOGNIZING THE SMOKY TOAST CAFE

• Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, while the news these days all too often highlights the negatives in our economy, such as the plight of a high unemployment rate and weak growth, we should also be reminded that some people are making the best of a bad economy and taking a risk by starting new businesses. One couple in downeast Maine has made the incredible transition from operating a boatbuilding shop to starting a new restaurant all in the course of less than a decade. Instead of complaining about the calamitous economic times, they did something to continue their passion of entrepreneurship. That is why today I wish to honor the Smoky Toast Cafe located in Jonesboro, which opened last year to much acclaim.

Tracy Watts and William Faulkingham started their boat-finishing business, Jonesboro Custom Finish Shop, nearly a decade ago. During the booming economy of the early 2000s, business was good and their docks were never dry, with customers constantly bringing in boats for finishing and renovations. The company finished a variety of watercraft, ranging from lobster boats and commercial vessels to canoes and sport fishing boats. With orders coming in on a regular basis, William and Tracy never lacked for work. Regrettably, that all changed when the economic downturn struck late last decade, as thousands of small businesses in Maine and the rest of the country saw demand slack off and the need for their services diminish.

But instead of waiting around for the economic winds to shift, the energetic founders of this boatbuilding business changed course altogether and found a new calling—off the water—in the restaurant industry. Tracy and William built the Smoky Toast Cafe on the same land where Jonesboro Custom Boats had previously operated. Using the skills they had honed over time William's handiness and Tracy's cooking—they started over from scratch. Now more than a year into this new endeavor, the business is off to a strong start. After all, no matter how hard times may be, quality food always sells.

But William and Tracy also know that starting a new business in this climate will take even more hard work. They have built a loyal following among the downeast community of fishermen and harvesters, and open their doors at 5 a.m. to welcome these dedicated individuals with hearty breakfasts and fresh baked muffins and

bread. The Smoky Toast Cafe is also open for lunch, offering standard favorites as well as Maine seafood dishes. The restaurant is also utilizing social media, such as Facebook and Twitter, to promote itself and bring in new customers, by posting daily specials and company news items.

Small businesses like the Smoky Toast Cafe are the main generators of jobs and economic growth in this country and will be the drivers of our recovery. The commitment to entrepreneurship displayed by Tracy and William is a remarkable example to aspiring business owners who are considering whether or not to take the risk in starting their own company. I commend William and Tracy for their tremendous efforts and wish them many successful years of business.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 1:08 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. 2018. An act to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to preserve the authority of each State to make determinations to the State's water quality standards, and for other purposes.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 2018. An act to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to preserve the authority of each State to make determinations relating to the State's water quality standards, 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-2475. A communication from the Secretary of the Commission, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Commodity Pool Operators: Relief From Compliance With Certain Disclosure, Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements for Registered CPOs of Commodity Pools Listed for Trading on a National Securities Exchange; CPO Registration Exemption for Certain Independent Directors or Trustees of These Commodity Pools" ((17 CFR Part 4) (RIN3038-AC46)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 13, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2476. A communication from the Acting Director, National Institute of Food and Agriculture, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Competitive and Noncompetitive Non-Formula Federal Assistance Programs—Administrative Provisions for the Sun Grant Program" (RIN0524-AA64) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 8, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2477. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of (12) officers

authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of major general or brigadier general, as indicated, in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2478. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Policy), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to information on "certain Iraqis affiliated with the United States"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2479. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prohibition on Interrogation of Detainees by Contractor Personnel" ((RIN0750-AG88) (DFARS Case 2010-D027)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 8, 2011; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2480. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Simplified Acquisition Threshold for Humanitarian or Peacekeeping Operations" ((RIN0750-AH29) (DFARS Case 2010-D032)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 7, 2011; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2481. A communication from the Chairman of the Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's semiannual Monetary Policy Report to Congress; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2482. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 67) (Docket No. FEMA-2011-0002)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 12, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2483. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 65) (Docket No. FEMA-2011-0002)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 12, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2484. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64) (Docket No. FEMA-8187)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 12, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2485. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 67) (Docket No. FEMA-2011-0002)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 12, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2486. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Addition of the New State of the Republic of South Sudan to the Export Administration Regulations" (RIN0694-AF27) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 12, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2487. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Technical Amendment to the Authorization Validated End-User Regulations of the Export Administration Regulations" (RIN0694-AF23) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 12, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2488. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulation Divisions, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "SAFE Mortgage Licensing Act: Minimum Licensing Standards and Oversight Responsibilities" (RIN2502-A170) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 12, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2489. A communication from the Assistant to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulation M (Consumer Leasing)" (Docket No. R-1423) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 8, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2490. A communication from the Assistant to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulation Z (Truth in Lending)" (Docket No. R-1422) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 8, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2491. A communication from the Assistant to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulation Z (Truth in Lending)" (Docket No. R-1424) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 8, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2492. A communication from the Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rules and Regulations Implementing the Truth in Caller ID Act of 2009" ((RIN3060-AJ66) (FCC 11-100)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 12, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2493. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Queen Conch Fishery of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands; Queen Conch Management Measures" (RIN0648-AY03) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 12, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2494. A communication from the Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to "The National Initiative for Increasing Seat Belt Use: Buckle Up America Campaign"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2495. A communication from the Assistant Deputy Administrator for Operations, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Listing Endangered and Threatened Species: Threatened Status for the Oregon Coast Coho Salmon Evolutionary Significant Unit" (RIN0648-XA407) received in the Office of the President

of the Senate on July 12, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2496. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Criteria for Use of Computers in Safety Systems of Nuclear Power Plants" (Regulatory Guide 1.152, Revision 3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 12, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2497. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Cedar River, Cedar Rapids, Iowa flood risk reduction project; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2498. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report on National HIV Testing Goals; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2499. A communication from the Chairman of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semi-Annual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2010 through March 31, 2011; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2500. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office's annual report on Federal agencies' use of the physicians' comparability allowance (PCA) program; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2501. A communication from the Executive Director of the U.S. Election Assistance Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2009-2010 Impact of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 on the Administration of Elections for Federal Office (NVRA) report; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-57. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of Rockland County, New York, urging the Federal Communications Commission to adopt and implement proposed rules that would require mobile service providers to provide usage alerts and information that will assist consumers in avoiding unexpected charges on their bills; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

POM-58. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of Rockland County, New York, requesting that the United States House of Representatives pass bill H.R. 1268—The Nuclear Power Licensing Reform Act of 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Stephen A. Higginson, of Louisiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit.

Jane Margaret Triche-Milazzo, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana.