

Now it's on to 50, and another possible age record. Next February, after completing high school a semester early, Kelliher will tackle Hawaii's 13,796-foot Mauna Kea, a relatively easy climb. Last is Alaska's 20,320-foot Mount McKinley (also known as Denali), the most challenging of all. For every 1,000 climbers who go up, three fail to make it down alive.

Kelliher has signed with a guide team for next May and will pay for the trip's \$17,000 cost herself. Already filling out college applications, she's looking for corporate sponsorship or grant money to help.

"It's definitely scary," her mother said. "If Kristen can figure out how to fund it, in her 17-year-old way, I won't stop her, though. And if she can't, well, then I don't have to worry about her being killed in an avalanche."

Kelliher says she will not be discouraged if her group fails to conquer Denali.

Yet if she succeeds, it just might inspire another fourth-grader to work harder—and climb higher—to achieve goals she once thought were unreachable.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO STEVEN C. BORELL

• Ms. MURKOWSKI. Madam President, today I bid farewell to Steven C. Borell, the executive director of the Alaska Miners Association, who has decided to retire after 22 years at the helm of Alaska's foremost mining advocacy agency.

While I am sure the State's mining industry will be in great hands when Mr. Fred Parady takes over as the new executive director in January, still it is very hard for me to imagine a minerals industry in the State of Alaska without Steve championing not only its regulatory survival but its future growth.

For far longer than I have been in public service, Steve has been the steady, knowledgeable voice on all issues surrounding mineral development in Alaska. His depth of knowledge of land laws and regulatory/permitting issues is legendary. He has had the trust of regulators and politicians and has done a sensational job of representing the interests of the minerals industry, fighting for reasonable terms and commonsense regulation of the industry—an increasingly difficult task given recent regulatory proposals out of Washington.

Alaskans are extremely lucky that Steve, an industrial engineer by training, came to Alaska in spring 1988 to run Valdez Creek mineral operations at Cantwell and then stayed on to cheerlead the rebirth of the State's minerals industry. Steve, who graduated from Kansas State University in 1968, had previously worked first as a foreman at a mine in Velva, ND, advancing to be the mine's superintendent in 1976. He later worked at mines in Colorado and in Colombia in South America before working at the Consolidated Coal Company and for the Arch Mineral Corporation in Illinois before coming to Alaska. While in Alaska, he also served as a consulting engineer on several mineral projects.

In 1989, the State, after the death of efforts to open the U.S. Borax molybdenum claims at Misty Fjords outside of Ketchikan, had only two major operating hard-rock mines, the Red Dog and Greens Creek Mines, and the Usibelli coal mine that together produced \$277 million in minerals. Since Steve assumed the helm of the industry's main advocacy arm, Fort Knox, Pogo, and the Kensington mines have all come on line, exploration spending has quadrupled, and the value of the minerals industry has risen more than tenfold, topping \$3 billion, and many more projects are on the way. While higher ore prices certainly have helped, Steve's hardwork, perseverance, and dedication to helping the industry overcome regulatory barriers is a key reason for the increase.

I know how hard he has worked to keep track of and to help bring some common sense to the mind-boggling permitting and regulatory processes that have dogged the minerals industry in recent years. His determination and attention to detail have helped numerous Alaska projects advance. He has always been a strong advocate for Alaska's hundreds of small-scale placer and recreational miners and for large-scale mineral developers. He has helped both equally, giving freely of his time and talent to promote Alaskan development for the good of the State and all its citizens.

I could sing his praises on this floor for hours. My staff and I will miss him greatly, and I am sure all of the industry will too. But promoting mineral development, fighting the forces that want to overregulate and lock up Alaska lands, has become not just a full-time job, but now requires an all-consuming passion given the administration's wild land edicts, more than 2,000 Federal regulatory proposals, and an endless stream of environmental suits and attacks. No one has earned a rest more than Steven C. Borell.

I can only wish him well in the future and again thank him for all that he has done for Alaska and our citizens. The State is a far better place for all of his many efforts. We all owe him our true thanks and gratitude for a job very well done, and we will all miss his sage advice and wisdom.●

RECOGNIZING THE COLORADO NONPROFIT ASSOCIATION

• Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Madam President, today I honor the Colorado Nonprofit Association as it celebrates 25 years of supporting Colorado's nonprofit organizations and strengthening our communities.

Colorado has a strong and diverse nonprofit sector with almost 19,000 public charities. These nonprofits perform many services that strengthen Colorado's communities and enrich the lives of our residents. It is also important to note that even in our current troubled economy, these organizations are an engine of growth, generating al-

most \$17 billion in revenue in 2009 and sustaining thousands of jobs throughout the State.

Colorado Nonprofit Association is a statewide organization with almost 1,400 nonprofit members whose mission is to lead, assist, and strengthen nonprofits. Founded in 1986 as the Colorado Association of Nonprofit Organizations, its original charge was to create and support programs designed to increase the effectiveness of nonprofits around the State. The Association has since expanded its scope as the nonprofit sector has grown.

The association has developed key resources for nonprofit organizations and the public. "The Principles and Practices for Nonprofit Excellence in Colorado," first published in 2007, contains State and Federal legal requirements, management best practices, and transparency and accountability standards. Supported by Colorado's secretary of state and attorney general, the association has distributed more than 30,000 copies of this resource and conducted numerous training sessions around the State. The association's Colorado Generosity Project seeks to increase charitable giving in Colorado by increasing awareness of the nonprofit sector. It has also published several research reports about nonprofit economic activity and the beliefs and behaviors of Colorado's donors. Each of these initiatives has contributed to a greater culture of giving in the State while strengthening local economies and improving the well-being of every Coloradan.

The association further encourages civic engagement by nonprofit organizations. With wide community networks, nonprofits are well situated to solve community and social problems and to engage policymakers in this effort. The Colorado Nonprofit Association provides resources and information to nonprofits to support their advocacy and develop productive working relationships with elected officials. I appreciate the association's continued partnerships, which make our State a better place to live.

In the Nation's current economic climate, the demand for services and programs offered by nonprofit organizations is greater than ever. The Colorado Nonprofit Association provides the right leadership to assist our nonprofits in these challenging times. I recognize this organization for its contributions over the years and look forward to its continued success.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:31 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. 1070. An act to amend the Securities Act of 1933 to require the Securities and Exchange Commission to exempt a certain class of securities from such Act.

H.R. 1965. An act to amend the securities laws to establish certain thresholds for shareholder registration, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2061. An act to authorize the presentation of a United States flag on behalf of Federal civilian employees who die of injuries in connection with their employment.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 894. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2011, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 6913 and the order of the House of January 5, 2011, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China: Mr. WOLF of Virginia, Mr. MANZULLO of Illinois, and Mr. ROYCE of California.

At 3:15 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks announced that the House disagrees to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2112) making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes, and asks a conference with the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints the following as managers of the conference on the part of the House: Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky, Mr. YOUNG of Florida, Mr. LEWIS of California, Mr. WOLF, Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. LATHAM, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. CULBERSON, Mr. CARTER, Mr. BONNER, Mr. LATOURETTE, Mr. DICKS, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. OLVER, Mr. PASTOR of Arizona, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. FARR, Mr. FATTAH, and Mr. SCHIFF.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

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

S. 894. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2011, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 1280. An act to amend the Peace Corps Act to require sexual assault risk-reduction and response training, the development of a sexual assault policy, the establishment of an Office of Victim Advocacy, the establishment of a Sexual Assault Advocacy Council, and for other purposes.

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

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 2061. An act to authorize the presentation of a United States flag on behalf of Federal civilian employees who die of injuries in connection with their employment; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

MEASURES DISCHARGED

The following joint resolutions were discharged by petition, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 802(c), and placed on the calendar:

S.J. Res. 6. A joint resolution disapproving the rule submitted by the Federal Communications Commission with respect to regulating the Internet and broadband industry practices.

S.J. Res. 27. A joint resolution disapproving a rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to the mitigation by States of cross-border air pollution under the Clean Air Act.

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. 2042. An act to require the Secretary of Homeland Security, in consultation with the Secretary of State, to establish a program to issue Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Business Travel Cards, and for other purposes.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

H.R. 1070. An act to amend the Securities Act of 1933 to require the Securities and Exchange Commission to exempt a certain class of securities from such Act.

H.R. 1965. An act to amend the securities laws to establish certain thresholds for shareholder registration, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate announced that on today, November 3, 2011, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 894. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2011, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, 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-3775. A communication from the Secretary of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Derivatives Clearing Organization General Provisions and Core Principles" (17 CFR Parts 1, 21, 39, and 140)(RIN3038-AC98) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 1, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3776. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development and Acquisition), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to requesting a waiver of realistic survivability testing of the Ship to Shore Connector (SSC) program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3777. A communication from the Secretary, Division of Investment Management, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reporting by Investment Advisers to Private Funds and Certain Commodity Pool Operators and Commodity Trading Advisors on Form PF" (RIN3235-AK92) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 2, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3778. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Virginia; Revision to Nitrogen Oxides Budget Trading Program" (FRL No. 9487-6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 1, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3779. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Texas; Regulations for Control of Air Pollution by Permits for New Construction or Modification" (FRL No. 9485-3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 1, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3780. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Placer County Air Pollution Control District and Sacramento Metro Air Quality Management District" (FRL No. 9477-4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 1, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3781. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District" (FRL No. 9481-6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 1, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3782. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District" (FRL No. 9481-1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 1, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3783. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division,