

McConnell or designee with a side-by-side to Stabenow No. 1812; Stabenow No. 1812; Demint No. 1589; Menendez-Burr No. 1782; DeMint No. 1756; Coats No. 1517; Brown of Ohio No. 1819; Blunt No. 1540; Merkley No. 1653; Portman No. 1736; Klobuchar No. 1617; Corker No. 1785, with a modification; Shaheen No. 1678; Portman No. 1742; Corker No. 1810; Carper No. 1670; Hutchison No. 1568; McCain No. 1669, modified with changes at the desk; Alexander No. 1779; Boxer No. 1816; and Paul No. 1556; that on Thursday, March 8, at a time to be determined by the majority leader, after consultation with the Republican leader, the Senate proceed to votes in relation to the amendments in the order listed; that the following amendments be subject to a 60-vote affirmative threshold: Vitter No. 1535; Baucus or designee relative to rural schools; Collins No. 1660; Coburn No. 1738; Nelson of Florida-Shelby-Landrieu No. 1822; Wyden No. 1817; Hoeven No. 1537; McConnell or designee side-by-side to Stabenow No. 1812; Stabenow No. 1812; DeMint No. 1589; Menendez-Burr No. 1782; that there be no other amendments in order to the bill or the amendments listed other than the managers' package and there be no points of order or motions in order to any of these amendments other than budget points of order and the applicable motions to waive; that it be in order for a managers' package to be considered and, if approved by the managers and the two leaders, the managers' package be agreed to; further, the bill, as amended, then be read the third time and the Senate proceed to a vote on passage of the bill, as amended, and if the bill is passed, it be held at the desk; finally, that when the Senate receives the House companion to S. 1813, as determined by the two leaders, it be in order for the majority leader to proceed to its immediate consideration, strike all after the enacting clause and insert the text of S. 1813, as passed by the Senate, in lieu thereof; that the House bill, as amended, be read the third time, a statutory pay-go statement be read, if needed, and the bill, as amended, be passed, the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table; that upon passage, the Senate insist on its amendment, request a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses and that the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

FREDERICK COUNTY, MD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

• Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, I wish to recognize the 100th anniversary of the Frederick County Chamber of Commerce, the first chartered chamber in the United States. When the United States Chamber of Commerce was formed at a conference held by President Taft in April 1912, four delegates from the Maryland's Frederick County Board of Trade were in attendance. Inspired by the conference, the Frederick County Board of Trade applied for membership to the newly formed chamber the very next day.

The newly renamed Frederick County Chamber of Commerce committed itself to serving the business interests of Frederick County. During the ravages of the Great Depression, the chamber was a beacon of hope, advocating for Federal work programs and organizing the Community Chest, now known as the United Way of Frederick County.

Over the past 100 years, the Frederick County Chamber of Commerce has successfully promoted economic vitality in Frederick, and has been a crucial partner to countless local businesses and organizations. The Frederick Arts Council and the Tourism Council of Frederick County were both chamber initiatives that grew into independently successful organizations. The Chamber has also been a leader in promoting women and minority-owned businesses. In 1969, the chamber worked with the NAACP to form the People's Opportunity and Information Center, and in 1997 they welcomed their first female president.

Today, the Frederick County Chamber of Commerce works with nearly 1,000 member businesses to expand Frederick County's economy and improve the quality of life for Frederick County residents. By bringing business leaders together to tackle challenges and proactively plan for the future, the Frederick County Chamber of Commerce has strengthened the community and the region.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Frederick County Chamber of Commerce on 100 years of leadership and advocacy on behalf of the businesses and citizens of Frederick County.●

REMEMBERING MINNESOTA SENATOR GARY KUBLY

• Mr. FRANKEN. Mr. President, I would like to take a few minutes to remember the life of Minnesota Senator Gary Kubly, who died on Friday, March 2, after a battle with Lou Gehrig's disease.

Gary was a model Midwestern politician—one who worked hard, but quietly, on behalf of his constituents. He was a strong voice for the rural communities that he served, communities

whose struggles continue to mount and are shared across this country. He cared deeply about issues from agriculture and rural development to education and the environment.

In 2010, Gary was diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, more commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease. As a Lutheran pastor, Gary met his diagnosis with strong faith and determination. He chose to continue his work in public service, always putting his constituents first.

Gary wasn't the stereotypical politician whom many disparage so often in today's discourse. He kept his head down and just worked for the people who elected him, reaching across ideological boundaries to do his job. In his 16 years in the Minnesota House and Senate, he didn't seek out the limelight. He simply served as a voice for rural Minnesota, and he was remarkably effective.

We in this body have a lot to learn from Gary's style of legislating. Minnesota benefited greatly from his work, and we have lost a hard-working public servant and friend.

I would like to conclude with a prayer that Gary read at a Minnesota Farmers Union convention in 2010, which I think is a perfect reflection of his values:

Creator God, Redeemer Son and Indwelling Spirit, we thank You for bringing us together this weekend. Be with us as we attempt to move our industry forward in ways that benefit the people of our State and Nation.

Help us to see that the decisions we make in caring for the land, marketing local foods, sustaining our resources for all of these things are part and parcel of our call as Your people to care for our neighbor.

Help us to embrace once again the values of community that allow us to see our neighbors in the same light that You see them for You have created all of us in equal standing before You.

Move us from our tendency to isolate ourselves from one another to seeing our neighbors as benefactors along with us of Your love and grace.

Bless us now as we received these gifts of nourishment from Your hand that we might be sustained in our call to care for our neighbor coupled with our own call to farm the land You have given into our keeping.

In Your strong name, Amen.●

TRIBUTE TO ASSISTANT POLICE CHIEF MARCY KORGENSKI

• Mr. LEE. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the career of Assistant Police Chief Marcy Korgenski, who is retiring after 30 years with the Ogden Police Department and was the first female to hold the position in Ogden's history.

A graduate of both Weber State University and the FBI National Academy, Chief Korgenski first joined Ogden's police force in 1982 as a patrol officer.

She helped to found the department's gang unit in 1991, and, rising through the ranks, she became a sergeant in 1995 and a lieutenant in 1999. In 2010, Korgenski was promoted to assistant police chief, a position she had earned with hard work throughout her career.

As assistant chief, Korgenski has been in charge of the department's Investigation Division, training and records operations, and selective enforcement. She has also directed officers assigned to the Weber-Morgan Narcotics Strike Force, established and managed the Ogden Police Apprentice Program, and joined prosecutors in establishing a special investigator for Hispanic victims of domestic violence. Using her experience to teach others, Korgenski trained members of the Volunteers in Policing program in techniques to assist local police in keeping residents safe.

In 2011, Korgenski was awarded the Ogden/Weber Chamber Women in Business Committee's ATHENA award, which recognizes individuals who demonstrate excellence, initiative, and creativity in their profession. When interviewed about the award, Korgenski said that she encourages women to "dream the impossible dream."

Korgenski has also received her department's Distinguished Service Award, the Mattie Harris Spirit of the American Woman Award, and the Rotary Club's Outstanding Selfless Dedication and Public Service Award.

Beyond her professional accomplishments, Korgenski is very active in her community. She is involved with the Ogden Area Youth Alliance, the American Cancer Society Relay for Life, the Special Olympics of Utah, and the Domestic Violence Coalition for Weber County. She also serves on the Swanson Foundation Advisory Board, the Ogden Noon Exchange Club Executive Board, Weber Sate's Child and Family Services Advisory Board, and the GOAL Foundation, and is a trustee for Youth Impact, a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping at-risk youths. Her decision to retire was made in part to devote even more time to her volunteering efforts.

I join Ogden Mayor Mike Caldwell in saying that Marcy Korgenski's service to the public will be missed. Her career is a testament to the accomplishments of hardworking women everywhere, and I congratulate her on her many achievements and 30 years of excellence in her field.●

RECOGNIZING BAXTER BREWING COMPANY

● Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, throughout the 112th Congress, I have consistently implored my colleagues to remember the value of our Nation's small businesses. These enterprising firms are the key to job creation. Nowhere is this more prevalent than in my home State of Maine, whose entrepreneurial spirit has remained vibrant as businesses continue to make headlines.

Today I wish to recognize and commend Baxter Brewing Company, whose owner and founder, Luke Livingston, was recently named one of Forbes Magazine's 30 under 30 in the food and wine category.

A native of Auburn, ME, Luke began brewing while still in college at Clark University in Worcester, MA. Following college, although he was successfully employed, Luke's passion continued to remain in brewing. At 24, he decided it was time to take the leap, and quit his day job to develop a business plan for Baxter Brewing Company. In seeking to create a well-crafted business plan—particularly in such a tumultuous economy—Luke turned to counselors within the Maine Small Business Development Center, who provided him critical guidance that was instrumental in achieving his goal.

Now at age 27, Luke's dream has become a reality, as his business has quickly risen to the ranks of top micro-breweries. Baxter Brewing Company, began selling its product in January of 2011, and is located in a portion of newly renovated space at the Bates Mill Complex, a historic former textile mill in downtown Lewiston. Currently, the company offers three varieties of beer including a Stowaway India Pale Ale, IPA, Pamola Xtra Pale Ale, and its newest addition, the Amber Road. Unlike most craft beer producers, Luke sells his micro-brew in cans rather than glass bottles. By using cans, Baxter is able to utilize recycled materials while reducing shipping costs and providing fresher beer to their customers at the same time.

Recently, celebrating Baxter's first year anniversary, Luke's gamble has certainly paid off with expanding sales markets and multiple accolades for the young brewery. In the first year, the company sold slightly over 5,000 barrels of beer, making it one of 2011's most successful first year craft breweries. Accordingly, in addition to Luke's personal recognition by Forbes, Baxter Brewing is also being recognized by BevNet Magazine, an elite beverage trade magazine, as the New Brewery of the Year.

As Baxter Brewing Company continues to expand further into Massachusetts and New Hampshire, this small business offers incredible insight into how young entrepreneurs can triumph in today's economy. Luke's ambition and zealous commitment to his craft have provided a remarkable pathway to success. I am proud to extend my congratulations to Luke and everyone at Baxter Brewing for their richly deserved honors, and offer my best wishes for their future endeavors.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:49 a.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. 4105. An act to apply the counter-vailing duty provisions of the Tariff Act of 1930 to nonmarket economy countries, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 6:47 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 4105. An act to apply the counter-vailing duty provisions of the Tariff Act of 1930 to nonmarket economy countries, and for other purposes.

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

MEASURES DISCHARGED

The following bill was discharged from the Committee on Finance, and referred as follows:

S. 2152. A bill to promote United States policy objectives in Syria, including the departure from power of President Bashar Assad and his family, the effective transition to a democratic, free, and secure country, and the promotion of a prosperous future in Syria; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 2173. A bill to preserve and protect the free choice of individual employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, or to refrain from such activities.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, March 7, 2012, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 1710. An act to designate the United States courthouse located at 222 West 7th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska, as the James M. Fitzgerald United States Courthouse.

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-5223. A communication from the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, transmitting pursuant to law, the 2011 Packers and Stockyards Program Annual Report; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5224. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department of Defense taking essential steps to award multiyear contracts for nine ARLEIGH BURKE Class Guided Missile Destroyers in fiscal years 2013 through 2017, in the second quarter of fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5225. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report on operations of