

host of targeted races in our State Legislature's lower house in 2000. Resources were scarce, and some would say that so were our passions and drive. Walter Heen has done a fine job under trying circumstances. He was a team player and a leader. He was the point, and the man in the background.

I believe the greatest legacy Walter Heen leaves Hawaii's Democratic Party is a growing, committed group of young Democrats, impatient and anxious to make improvements and changes, to make Hawaii the best place to raise a family, excel in a career, and enjoy the most beautiful environment and lifestyle in the world. He has worked diligently to establish and empower a new army of passionate young people to carry the Democratic torch forward.

Judge Walter Heen, and his family leaders before him, have played a pivotal role in helping to shape the Hawaii of today. It is leaders like Heen who have helped to chart a collective course for Hawaii's future, one that has allowed our island to take full advantage of high technology, while not forsaking our spirit of aloha.

I rise today to commend my dear friend, Walter Meheula Heen, for his lifetime of service.●

TRIBUTE TO SUSAN MEIDINGER

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the many contributions and services of Susan Meidinger of Aberdeen, SD. Susan is being honored this week as South Dakota's Small Business Advocate of the Year, an honor for which she is very deserving.

Susan is a valuable asset to her community. She is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the South Dakota Society of CPAs and the Northeast Chapter of CPAs.

While raising three children, she took on the challenge of starting her own accounting firm. Through her commitment and dedication to her clients, the firm flourished. Susan measures her achievements not necessarily in the success of her business, but moreover, by the measure of how she can help her fellow businesses and clients achieve their own personal successes. It is not surprising, therefore, that her services are sought after.

Despite the demands of balancing the work of raising a family and owning a business, Susan is an active participant in her community. By regularly putting her skills and talents to work on behalf of local organizations, she strengthens local establishments and helps to promote growth and opportunity in the area.

Susan's work with the Small Business Development Center is an excellent example of why she is being honored for her work on behalf of Small Businesses. By volunteering her time and expertise, she helps entrepreneurs to achieve their aspirations and avoid

cumbersome pitfalls or missteps in their accounting practices. She offers advice, counseling, and mentorship that enhances opportunities for business growth and job creation which has had a positive impact on many families.

It is with great appreciation that I join with the community, the businesses, the customers, and those who know Susan Meidinger, to congratulate Susan for being honored as a Small Business Advocate of the Year. I wish Susan enduring good fortune and prosperity in the continued pursuit of excellence.●

IN RECOGNITION OF ROBERT O. ANDERSON

● Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, the Institute of the North recently held a ceremony to honor Robert O. Anderson and his lifetime of achievements. I, too, would like to add my appreciation for his many contributions to our Nation. Robert O. has earned renown as a petroleum executive, an environmentalist, a diplomat, a rancher, and a community leader. He began his career in the oil industry shortly after he graduated from the University of Chicago in 1939. In 1941, he and his family moved to my home State of New Mexico after he acquired an interest in a small oil refinery in Artesia. Within six months, he had more than doubled the production of the refinery. Though his innovation and experimentation was greeted with skepticism by many within the industry, Robert O. persevered and soon moved on to larger refineries, eventually becoming Chairman and CEO of Arco, the Atlantic-Richfield Company, all the while bringing robust economic development and hundreds of jobs to New Mexico.

At Arco, Robert O. was instrumental in bringing Alaska into the twentieth century. In fact, Alaska's history is closely intertwined with Arco and with Robert O. Anderson. Under his leadership, Arco discovered one of Alaska's greatest natural resources: the Prudhoe Bay oil field. As Arco developed the Prudhoe Bay, Robert O. surprised the environmental community by working with them to ensure that the pipeline was completed in an environmentally responsible manner. Throughout his career, Robert O. Anderson has brought economic prosperity to Alaska, while respecting and preserving its natural treasures.

In fact, the United States owes Robert O. Anderson a special debt of gratitude in our current era of energy crises. The U.S. depends heavily on the Prudhoe Bay oil field, which provides 25 percent of our domestic oil supply. When Prudhoe Bay was first discovered, skeptics claimed that the U.S. could do without its oil supply. They also claimed that the local wildlife would be irreparably harmed. And now, three decades later, the Prudhoe Bay area provides us with over 1.4 million barrels of oil a day. And virtually

every study has concluded that not one of the local species of wildlife has declined. Rather, every single species has thrived. Imagine the position the U.S. would be in if Robert O. had listened to these skeptics. Everyone agrees that we are too dependent on foreign sources of energy, but imagine how dependent we would be if it were not for Robert O. Anderson.

In addition to oil, Robert O. Anderson's other business interests have included cattle ranching, mining and milling, and general manufacturing. He has served on the board of directors of the National Petroleum Council since 1951 and has received numerous honors and titles recognizing his extensive charitable and community work. He has also served on the Board of Regents of the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology and currently serves on the National Advisory Board of the University of New Mexico Anderson Schools of Management, two fine institutions in my home state. Robert O. Anderson also founded the International Institute for Environmental Development to further his lifelong passion of preserving and protecting the environment.

Once again I thank Robert O. Anderson for his years of service to our State of New Mexico and to our Nation. He has a true American story. His hard work and determination have produced a proud legacy of accomplishments and public service.●

THE POSTAL EMPLOYEES OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE PERFORMANCE CLUSTER

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the Postal Employees of the New Hampshire Performance Cluster, a group of dedicated public servants who have been recognized for exemplary performance of service duties. On April 3rd of this year, The Postal Employees of the New Hampshire Performance Cluster were recognized with the Postal Service's highest award, the Chief Operating Officer Award for overall excellence in the area of customer satisfaction.

I was proud to have attended the awards ceremony in New Hampshire last weekend, and was inspired by the dedication and commitment of the award recipients.

New Hampshire Postal Employees have been honored along with four other districts in the nation receiving the Order of the Yellow Jersey Award for Excellence in customer service. This prestigious award is based on the percentage of residential customers who rated the postal service employees as excellent in four areas: overall performance, courteous and friendly clerks, consistency of mail delivery and accuracy of mail delivery.

The Postal Employees of the New Hampshire Performance Cluster have provided dedicated service to the citizens of our state. The people of our

state look upon them with tremendous gratitude for all that they have done.

It is an honor and a privilege to serve the Postal Employees of the New Hampshire Performance Center in the United States Senate.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, 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.)

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-1645. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Departmental activities; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1646. A communication from the President of the African Development Foundation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Performance Report for Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1647. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, the report of a retirement; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1648. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Law, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products; Central Air Conditioners and Heat Pumps Energy Conservation Standards" (RIN1904-AA77) received on April 25, 2001; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1649. A communication from the Acting Commissioner of the Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy, the designation of acting officer, and the discontinuation of service in acting role for the position of Commissioner of Social Security; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1650. A communication from the Acting Commissioner of the Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and the designation of acting officer for the position of Commissioner of Social Security; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1651. A communication from the Acting Commissioner of the Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Deputy Commissioner of Social Security; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1652. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, trans-

mitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "HCFA Claims Processing User Fee Act of 2001"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1653. A communication from the Chief of Staff to the Acting Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and the designation of acting officer for the position of Director, Community Relations Service; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1654. A communication from the Chief of Staff to the Acting Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and the designation of acting officer for the position of Commissioner, Immigration and Naturalization Service; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1655. A communication from the Chief of Staff to the Acting Deputy Attorney General, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and the designation of acting officer for the position of Director, Office for Victims of Crime; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1656. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Deputy Attorney General; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1657. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1658. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1659. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a confirmed nomination for the position of Inspector General; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1660. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Solicitor General of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1661. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Deputy Administrator, Drug Enforcement Administration; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1662. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination returned for the position of Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1663. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination returned for the position of Administrator, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1664. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination returned for the position of Chair, Foreign Claims Settlement Commission; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1665. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination returned for the position of Member, Foreign Claims Settlement Commission; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1666. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Justice, trans-

mitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and a nomination returned for the position of United States Parole Commissioner; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1667. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination and a nomination returned for the position of United States Parole Commissioner; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1668. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and a nomination returned for the position of United States Parole Commissioner; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1669. A communication from the Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Commission's operations and developments for Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1670. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy, the designation of acting officer, the discontinuation of service in acting role, and a nomination confirmed for the position of Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1671. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Deputy Administrator; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1672. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Assistant Administrator for Enforcement and Compliance Assurance; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1673. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Assistant Administrator for Administration and Resource Management; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1674. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and the designation of acting officer in the position of Assistant Administrator for Solid Waste and Emergency Response; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1675. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and the designation of acting officer in the position of Assistant Administrator for Environmental Information; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1676. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and the designation of acting officer in the position of General Counsel; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1677. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and the designation of acting officer in the position of Assistant Administrator for Water; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1678. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting,