walked from his home to his law firm, Ireland Stapleton Pryor & Pascoe, where he had worked since 1960.

Monte was born Jan. 4, 1935, in Ames, IA. His family moved to Denver when he was a young boy, settling in the Park Hill neighborhood. He graduated from East High School and went to Dartmouth College, where he met Pat, and earned his law degree from Stanford University.

We in Denver and Colorado counted on Monte and turned to him when a task needed to be done, or a problem solved, or a perspective gained. He carried out his role as a ''servant leader'' with humor, grace, selflessness and humility. Our community will miss him tremendously, and our thoughts and prayers are with his wonderful family.●

TRIBUTE TO GARLAND RASH

● Mr. PRYOR. Mr. President, today I would like to share with you Garland Rash's inspiring story of bravery and determination that saw him use his remarkable talent for woodwork to serve his country during the dark days of World War II.

Born in 1924, Garland was raised in Drew County, AR, where he put himself through school and developed an interest in carpentry. Like so many other Americans, he was horrified at the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941 and immediately set out to aid in the country's war effort. This led him to California, where he dedicated himself to building wooden racks that could be used to raise ships out of the water to be repaired.

Garland soon realized during a visit home on Mother's Day in 1943 that he wanted to do more for his county. That summer, he enlisted in the Navy and underwent a grueling period in boot camp. Garland was then assigned to the 116th Naval Battalion as part of the construction unit of the Navy, nicknamed the ''Seebees.''

After more training in Rhode Island and Bay St. Louis, Garland was shipped to Pearl Harbor where he, alongside many other talented carpenters, was part of a covert operation to equip U.S. military planes with a more advanced type of engine. While there, Garland decided to collect several pieces of wood and Plexiglas from the debris of the 1941 bombing. During his nonworking hours, Garland used these pieces to fashion two wooden boxes, using parachute scraps for the lining and Plexiglas from windshields to create a beautiful inlaid mosaic pattern on the lid.

While in Pearl Harbor, a young marine named Bob Crosby, brother of famed singer Bing Crosby, was struck by the workmanship of these boxes. He asked Garland whether he would be willing to sell one to him and Garland agreed. Though Garland never saw him again, Bob Crosby would go on to become an accomplished actor and musician through the 1950s.

Garland continued his distinguished military service in Iwo Jima, the Philippines, and Japan where he and his fellow American troops accepted the surrender of Japanese forces in 1945. After returning to the United States in December of that year, Garland resumed his relationship with Kathleen Lawson, a woman he had dated while on leave from the Navy during the war. They were married on March 1, 1946.

Today, their home in Monticello, AR, is filled with loving pictures of several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Remarkably, Garland managed to hold on to the other wooden box that he carved from the rubble of Pearl Harbor and keeps it today as a remembrance of the war and his service.

Looking at this box today, I, like Bob Crosby so many years ago, am amazed by the extraordinary craftsmanship, and I am awestruck knowing its historical significance. Garland, like so many World War II veterans, is truly a part of the ''greatest American generation'' and I hope you will join me in paying tribute to his extraordinary service to this Nation.●

RECOGNIZING DARLYS J. BAUM

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate Darlys J. Baum on her retirement from the South Dakota Housing Development Authority after 30 years of dedicated service to our State. Dar has served under six South Dakota Governors. Prior to being named executive director in 1995, Dar served as deputy executive director for 11 years. Before that, she served in various capacities, including director of rental housing programs.

In addition to her duties as executive director, Dar found the time to bring South Dakota's rural housing perspective to regional and national boards. She served as a member of Fannie Mae's National Housing Impact Advisory Council from 2002–2003 and as a member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines from 2002–2004.

Under Dar's leadership, the South Dakota Housing Development Authority issued nearly $2.27 billion in long-term and $1.95 billion in short-term home ownership bonds. During this time, 23,869 families and individuals took advantage of SDHDA's low-interest mortgage loan opportunities, accounting for more than $1.8 billion in loans purchased. Additionally, more than $12.8 million was loaned to 7,602 families for downpayment and closing cost assistance.

Working with lenders, service providers, and realtors, Dar helped create the Homeownership Education Resource Organization, HERO, to provide high-quality home buyer education. Pursuing the American dream of homeownership can be a daunting challenge for many families, and home buyer education services can help walk these families through the home buying process.

Since Dar became executive director, SDHDA allocated more than $16.4 million in housing tax credits for 89 developments across South Dakota. Nearly 3,300 affordable housing units were created or preserved, totaling more than $242 million in project costs.

During that same time, SDHDA used the HOME Investment Partnership Program for 939 HOME-assisted units in 88 multifamily developments, receiving more than $39 million in funding for construction or rehabilitation. Also, more than $1.6 million in HOME funding was utilized for homeownership rehabilitation in 222 homes. Total development costs contributed to South Dakota's economy from the HOME Program were more than $102 million during Dar's tenure as executive director.

Dar was instrumental in helping lead the charge to end homelessness in South Dakota. She helped form the statewide Housing for the Homeless Consortium and the Governor's Interagency Council on Homelessness. These organizations were created to unite those who work to provide shelter, employment opportunities, food, education, health care, and support for those who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Since its creation, the Housing for the Homeless Consortium has been awarded about $6.5 million through the Continuum of Care Grant Program, which is a competitive grant program administered through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

As you can see, under Dar's extraordinary leadership, the South Dakota Housing Development Authority has done an impressive amount of work on South Dakota's housing needs. I, again, want to thank Dar for her tireless efforts to improve the housing opportunities available to South Dakota families. My staff and I have always highly valued her advice on so many important housing issues. Dar has a unique ability to generate creative solutions and bring people together in partnerships that solve so many critical housing problems. Dar Baum's commitment and dedication to public service is an example for others in public service to emulate.●

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 and two withdrawals which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE DURING ADJOURNMENT

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 4, 2005, the Secretary of the Senate, on March 17, 2006, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. ADERHOLT) had signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 2275. An act to temporarily increase the borrowing authority of the Federal Emergency Management Agency for carrying out the national flood insurance program.

S. 2320. An act to make available funds included in the Deficit Reduction Act for 2005 for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program for fiscal year 2006, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4826. An act to extend through December 31, 2006, the authority of the Secretary of the Army to accept and expend funds contributed by non-Federal public entities to expedite the processing of permits.

Under the authority of the order on the Senate of January 4, 2005, the enrolled bills were signed on March 17, 2006, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:31 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has signed the following bill in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4939. An act making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 4939. An act making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

H.R. 4472. An act to protect children, to secure the safety of judges, prosecutors, law enforcement officers, and their family members, to reduce and prevent gang violence, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4911. An act to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on March 17, 2006, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 2275. An act to temporarily increase the borrowing authority of the Federal Emergency Management Agency for carrying out the national flood insurance program.

S. 2320. An act to make available funds included in the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program for fiscal year 2006, 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–6041. A communication from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Applicable Federal Rates—April 2006'' (Rev. Rul. 2006–22) received on March 27, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6042. A communication from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Revocation of Qualified Intermediary Brach Rule'' (Notice 2006–35) received on March 27, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6043. A communication from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Purchase Price Safe Harbors for Sections 143 and 25 Revenue Procedure'' (Rev. Proc. 2006–17) received on March 27, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6044. A communication from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Bureau of Labor Statistics Price Indexes for Department Stores—January 2006'' (Rev. Rul. 2006–15) received on March 27, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6045. A communication from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Transition Relief Regarding the Application of Section 409A(b) to Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Plan'' (Notice 2006–33) received on March 27, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6046. A communication from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Go Zone Resident Population Estimates'' (Notice 2006–21) received on March 27, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6047. A communication from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Guidance under Section 1502: Suspension of Losses on Certain Stock Dispositions'' (RIN1545–BB25) received on March 27, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6048. A communication from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Agent for a Consolidated Group with Foreign Common Parent'' (RIN1545–BF31) received on March 27, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6049. A communication from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''2006 Census Count'' (Notice 2006–22) received on March 27, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6050. A communication from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Weighted Average Interest Rate Update'' (Notice 2006–32) received on March 27, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6051. A communication from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Revisions to Regulations Relating to Withholding of Tax on Certain U.S. Source Income'' (RIN1545–AY92) received on March 27, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6052. A communication from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Taxation of Cross Licensing Arrangements'' (Notice 2006–34) received on March 27, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6053. A communication from the Commissioner, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2005 Fair Act Inventory; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6054. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Inspector General, received on March 18, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6055. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Fisheries Off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; Western Pacific Pelagic Fisheries; Guam Longline Fishery Prohibition Area'' (RIN0648–AU11) received on March 27, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6056. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Fisheries Off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Limited Entry Fixed Gear Sablefish Fishery Permit Stacking Program; Final Rule'' (RIN0648–AP38) received on March 27, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6057. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Shallow-Water Species Fishery by Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Gulf of Alaska'' received on March 27, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6058. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Specifications for 2006'' (RIN0648–AT19) received on March 27, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6059. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Vessels Catching Pacific Cod for Processing by the Inshore Component in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska'' received on March 16, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.