

left active duty to accept a civilian position with the office in 1982. In 1987 he graduated from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. Throughout his years of civilian service, he continued to serve as an individual mobilization augmentee in the reserve component of the Army Judge Advocate General's Corps, retiring in 2000 in the grade of Colonel, having last served as the Director of the Academic Department of The Judge Advocate General's School.

In his 26 years of selfless and dedicated Federal civil service, Mr. Taylor has received numerous honors and awards, including, on three occasions, the Army's Decoration for Exceptional Civilian Service. He received the Presidential Rank Award as a Distinguished Executive in 1996 and as a Meritorious Executive in 1993 and 2002. Notably, he has received honorary awards for lifetime contributions to his client communities including: the Knowlton Award for Excellence in Intelligence, presented by the Military Intelligence Corps; the Chief of Public Affairs Award for outstanding support and advice to the Chief of Public Affairs; designation as a distinguished member of The Judge Advocate General's Corps Regiment; and induction into the Order of the Marechaussee for service to the Military Police Corps Regiment.

On leaving Federal service, Mr. Taylor will become a professor of the Practice of Public Policy Studies at Duke University. I know that he will continue to inspire others with his sense of honor, his love of the law, and his abiding belief in the nobility of public service and values for which our Nation stands. I join with all my colleagues in saluting Thomas W. Taylor and his wife Susan for their many years of outstanding service to the U.S. Army and to our country.●

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF HARVEY, NORTH DAKOTA

● Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize a community in North Dakota that will be celebrating its 100th anniversary. On June 29 to July 2, the residents of Harvey will gather to celebrate their community's history and founding.

Harvey holds an important place in North Dakota's history. Harvey was founded in 1892 and named for COL James S. Harvey, a stockholder from Wisconsin. It became a city in 1906, with Aloys Wartner serving as its first mayor.

Today, Harvey is a vibrant community in central North Dakota. Situated at the head waters of the beautiful Sheyenne River and in close proximity to the Lonetree Wildlife Management Area and the North Country National Scenic Trail, Harvey has great appeal for recreation and wildlife enthusiasts alike. The people of Harvey are enthusiastic about their community and the quality of life it offers. The community has a wonderful centennial planned that includes a street dance, golf tour-

namment, demolition derby, lumberjack show, centennial games, parade, and many other activities for all ages.

Mr. President, I ask the Senate to join me in congratulating Harvey, ND, and its residents on their first 100 years and in wishing them well through the next century. By honoring Harvey and all the other historic small towns of North Dakota, we keep the great pioneering frontier spirit alive for future generations. It is places such as Harvey that have helped to shape this country into what it is today, which is why this fine community is deserving of our recognition.

Harvey has a proud past and a bright future.●

A TRIBUTE TO MARY COPPER

● Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Mrs. Mary Copper, who passed away February 22, at the age of 55 in Wilmington, DE. A mother, wife, sister, activist, trail-blazer, and trusted friend, Mary will be missed by the countless people whose lives she touched before her time on this Earth was cut short.

Mary graduated from Wellesley College and the Boston University School of Law, and almost immediately began a rapid ascent that took her to the pinnacle of the legal field. Through her hard work and keen instincts, she quickly made herself known across Delaware as one of the hardest working and brightest female attorneys in the State's history. She dedicated 8 years to the DuPont Company before becoming the first female partner at Potter Anderson & Corroon LLP, where she was beloved by clients and coworkers alike.

But perhaps the most indelible image of Mary is that of a philanthropist with an enormous heart. She never shied away from the opportunity to help others, and devoted countless hours to numerous charitable organizations throughout the State, volunteering, serving on boards, and giving every ounce of her being to the people who needed it the most.

She was a founding member and past chair of the Advisory Committee of the Fund for Women of the Delaware Community Foundation. She also served as an enthusiastic member of the Delaware Bar Foundation and a helpful supporter of the Democratic Party within Delaware. Her absence will be sorely felt by all who knew her, but the vast reach of her acts of charity and kindness will continue to touch people's lives for years to come.

My thoughts and prayers are with Mary's family, her husband William, and daughters Mary (Lucy) and Ellen.●

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF PEKIN, NORTH DAKOTA

● Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I rise today to honor a community in North Dakota that is celebrating its 100th anniversary. On June 22, 2006, the resi-

dents of Pekin will celebrate their community's history and founding.

Pekin is a community of 80 people located in northeastern North Dakota. Nestled between the winding Sheyenne River and beautiful Stump Lake, the Pekin area offers recreational opportunities and scenic vistas. This charming location is the setting for Pekin Days, an annual citywide celebration that features the Nelson County Art Show. Known as the Littlest Town with the Biggest Art Show in North Dakota, Pekin also boasts the largest annual juried art show and sale in the State of North Dakota.

The area was homesteaded as early as 1881 but not established until 1906 when the Great Northern Railroad brought railroad workers and their families. The community was named by settlers from Pekin, IL, a town itself named due to the belief that it was located on the opposite side of the globe from Peking, China.

Mr. President, I ask the Senate to join me in congratulating Pekin, ND, and its residents on their first 100 years. By honoring Pekin and all of the other historic small towns of North Dakota, we keep the pioneering frontier spirit alive for future generations. It is places such as Pekin that have helped to shape this country into what it is today, which is why Pekin is worthy of our recognition.●

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF BUTTE, NORTH DAKOTA

● Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize a community in North Dakota that will be celebrating its 100th anniversary. On June 23 to 25, the residents of Butte will gather to celebrate their community's history and founding.

Butte holds an important place in North Dakota's history. When it was founded in 1906, this Soo Line Railroad townsite was named Dogden. About 20 years later, the name was changed to Butte. Both names come from the nearby landmark, Dogden Butte, which was discovered by the explorer David Thompson in 1797.

Butte is located within minutes of excellent game and waterfowl hunting. Nearby Cottonwood Lake is a great fishing site for northern pike. Butte is home to several businesses including Butte Manufacturing and the Northern Tier Federal Credit Union, to name a few. The community has a wonderful centennial planned that includes a street dance, pitchfork fondue, parade, picnic, and much more.

Mr. President, I ask the Senate to join in me congratulating Butte, ND, and its residents on their first 100 years and in wishing them well through the next century. By honoring Butte and all the other historic small towns of North Dakota, we keep the great pioneering frontier spirit alive for future generations. It is places such as Butte that have helped to shape this country into what it is today, which is why this

fine community is deserving of our recognition.

Butte has a proud past and a bright future.●

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF HILLSBORO, NORTH DAKOTA

● Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize a community in North Dakota that will be celebrating its 125th anniversary. On June 29 to July 2, the residents of Hillsboro will gather to celebrate their community's history and founding.

Hillsboro is a growing community located in the "heart of the Red River Valley," and it is proud of its heritage. The city was started by a group of German and Norwegian settlers in 1869–1870. The Crown Prince of Norway visited the city in 1942. In 1971, the city was the recipient of the All-American City Award. This award is given to communities that exhibit civic excellence in times of crisis. It recognizes grassroots communities that work together to overcome challenges in innovative and collaborative ways.

Hillsboro has plenty to offer its residents and visitors. There are numerous outdoor activities to partake in, such as volleyball, golfing, fishing, snowmobiling, and snowshoeing. The Plummer House, home to the Traill County Historical Society Museum, is another site to see while in Hillsboro. There are also the Centennial and Pioneer Buildings, a log cabin, and St. Olaf Church.

The community has planned a wonderful weekend celebration to commemorate its 125th anniversary. The celebration includes an all-school reunion, a golf tournament, an antique tractor pull, concerts, and much more.

Mr. President, I ask the Senate to join me in congratulating Hillsboro, ND, and its residents on their first 125 years and in wishing them well through the next century. By honoring Hillsboro and all the other historic small towns of North Dakota, we keep the great pioneering frontier spirit alive for future generations. It is places such as Hillsboro that have helped to shape this country into what it is today, which is why this fine community is deserving of our recognition.

Hillsboro has a proud past and a bright future.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, 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.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 9:31 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agree to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 5037) to amend titles 38 and 18, United States Code, to prohibit certain demonstrations at cemeteries under the control of the National Cemetery Administration and at Arlington National Cemetery, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 10:55 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Chiappardi, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 5037. An act to amend titles 38 and 18, United States Code, to prohibit certain demonstrations at cemeteries under the control of the National Cemetery Administration and at Arlington National Cemetery, and for other purposes.

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

At 12:27 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, 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. 5427. An act making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes.

At 5:55 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, 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. 5429. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish and implement a competitive oil and gas leasing program that will result in an environmentally sound program for the exploration, development, and production of the oil and gas resources of the Coastal Plain of Alaska, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to 14 U.S.C. 194(a), and the order of the House of December 18, 2005, the Speaker appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the Board of Visitors to the United States Coast Guard Academy: Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi.

At 9:39 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Croatt, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 418. Concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 4681. An act to promote the development of democratic institutions in areas under the administrative control of the Palestinian Authority, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 5427. An act making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 3064. A bill to express the policy of the United States regarding the United States relationship with native Hawaiians and to provide a process for the recognition by the United States of the Native Hawaiian governing entity.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, May 25, 2006, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 1736. An act to provide for the participation of employees in the judicial branch in the Federal leave transfer program for disasters and emergencies.

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-6929. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Review Group, Commodity Credit Corporation, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Grains and Similarly Handled Commodities—Marketing Assistance Loans and Loan Deficiency Payments for the 2006 through 2007 Crop Years; Cotton" (RIN0560-AH38) received on May 24, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6930. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Review Group, Commodity Credit Corporation, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Percentages for Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program Advance Payments" (RIN0560-AH49) received on May 24, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6931. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pesticides; Minimal Risk Tolerance Exemption" (FRL No. 8062-3) received on May 24, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6932. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Terbacil; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8057-9) received on May 24, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.