

David Russell Meunier was born in Peshtigo, WI, on December 13, 1940, and passed away on November 22, 2006, in Rochester, MN. Lieutenant Colonel Meunier served his country as an officer in the Strategic Air Command of the U.S. Air Force. He was a highly decorated officer and veteran of the Vietnam war. At Offutt Air Force Base in Bellevue, Lieutenant Colonel Meunier served as a battle staff intelligence chief. He retired from the Air Force on January 23, 1989.

Lieutenant Colonel Meunier leaves behind his wife Constance Bennet Muenier; sisters Patricia Jeske, Diane Hazlewood, and her husband Thomas; brothers, Gary and his wife Sally, and Paul and his wife Patricia. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of them at this difficult time. America is proud of Lieutenant Colonel Meunier and mourns his loss.

For his service, bravery, and commitment to our country, I ask my colleagues to join me and all Americans in honoring LTC David Russell Meunier.●

RECOGNIZING MURPHY OIL CORPORATION

● Mr. PRYOR. Mr. President, it is with great pleasure that I commend an outstanding Arkansas company for a truly amazing gift. Murphy Oil Corporation, an El Dorado, AR, based company, has always been a national leader in philanthropy by providing substantial donations for many very worthwhile causes, especially education. Murphy Oil's recent announcement to establish the El Dorado Promise may be one of the most significant and groundbreaking gifts of any business to any group of people in recent years.

El Dorado Promise is an extraordinary scholarship program. The Promise will provide the opportunity for every graduate of El Dorado High School to pursue higher education by granting a scholarship to these students to be used at community colleges or public universities around the country. This scholarship will cover tuition and other expenses for many of these students for up to 5 years. The leadership at Murphy Oil has shown that they truly understand that in order to adequately prepare for the future we must make significant investments in the children of today. This gift represents that significant investment.

I would like to congratulate the students, families, teachers, and community of El Dorado, AR. This is a wonderful gift that you truly deserve, and I am excited for the tremendous prospects it will create for you.

I also want to take this opportunity to commend the actions of Claiborne Deming, president and CEO of Murphy Oil. A great business leader known for his strong support of education, Mr. Deming has served on the Arkansas Board of Education, helped found the Arkansans for Education Reform Foundation, is president of the El Dorado Education Foundation, and continues

to be a strong catalyst for investment in education. I have no doubt he was instrumental in providing these students and families the ability to fulfill their ambitions.

Finally, I would like to personally thank Murphy Oil Corporation, Mr. Claiborne Deming, and members of the Murphy family for their unwavering support of El Dorado, the State of Arkansas, and the education system. There is no doubt the gift of the El Dorado Promise will better many lives and shape the future of Arkansas and the country in a brighter way.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 1:45 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hayes, 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. 323. An act to amend section 5313 of title 31, United States Code, to reform certain requirements for reporting cash transactions, and for other purposes.

H.R. 392. An act to provide for a circulating quarter dollar coin program to honor the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the United States Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and for other purposes.

H.R. 476. An act to amend title 5, United States Code, to make noncreditable for Federal retirement purposes any Member service performed by an individual who is convicted of any of certain offenses committed by that individual while serving as a Member of Congress, and for other purposes.

H.R. 599. An act to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to streamline the SAFETY Act and anti-terrorism technology procurement processes.

The message also announced that pursuant to sections 5580 and 5581 of the revised statutes (20 U.S.C. 42-43), and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution: Mr. BECERRA of California and Ms. MATSUI of California.

The message further announced that pursuant to sections 5580 and 5581 of the revised statutes (20 U.S.C. 42-43), and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Speaker appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution: Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 4:54 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R.475. An act to revise the composition of the House of Representatives Page Board to equalize the number of members representing the majority and minority parties and to include a member representing the parents of pages and a member representing former pages, and for other purposes.

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

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 323. An act to amend section 5313 of title 31, United States Code, to reform certain requirements for reporting cash transactions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 392. An act to provide for a circulating quarter dollar coin program to honor the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the United States Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 476. An act to amend title 5, United States Code, to make noncreditable for Federal retirement purposes any Member service performed by an individual who is convicted of any of certain offenses committed by that individual while serving as a Member of Congress, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 599. An act to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to streamline the SAFETY Act and anti-terrorism technology procurement processes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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-442. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's task and delivery order contracts during fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-443. A communication from the Deputy Secretary, Division of Corporation Finance, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Internet Availability of Proxy Materials" (RIN3235-AJ47) received on January 23, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-444. A communication from the General Counsel, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Grants for Correctional Facilities" (RIN1121-AA41) received on January 23, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER, from the Select Committee on Intelligence, without amendment:

S. 372. An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 for the intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Intelligence Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-2).

By Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. Res. 38. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BIDEN, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment and with a preamble:

S. Con. Res. 2. A concurrent resolution expressing the bipartisan resolution on Iraq.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. LEVIN for the Committee on Armed Services.

Army nomination of Lt. Gen. David H. Petraeus to be General.

Army nomination of Lt. Gen. H. Steven Blum to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Lt. Gen. Karl W. Eikenberry to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Brig. Gen. George J. Smith to be Major General.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Brig. Gen. Eugene G. Payne, Jr. and ending with Brig. Gen. Douglas M. Stone, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 11, 2007.

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, for the Committee on Armed Services I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORDS on the dates indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

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

Air Force nomination of Wally G. Vaughn to be Colonel.

Air Force nomination of James E. Powell to be Colonel.

Air Force nomination of Jean M. Eagleton to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Air Force nomination of Jeffrey R. Colpitts to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Air Force nominations beginning with Gayanne Devry and ending with Neil R. Whittaker, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 10, 2007.

Air Force nomination of Laura S. Barchick to be Major.

Air Force nominations beginning with Paul T. Cory and ending with Rod L. Valentine, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 11, 2007.

Air Force nominations beginning with Beatrice Y. Brewington and ending with Deirdre M. McCullough, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 11, 2007.

Air Force nomination of Anthony M. Durso to be Major.

Air Force nomination of William L. Tomson to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Air Force nominations beginning with Steven H. Helm and ending with Donald C. Tigchelaar, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 11, 2007.

Air Force nominations beginning with Robert E. Dunn and ending with Walter L. Smith, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 11, 2007.

Air Force nominations beginning with Ricardo E. Alivillar and ending with Mehdy Zarandy, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 11, 2007.

Air Force nominations beginning with Robert R. Baptist and ending with Christopher H. Wilkin, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 11, 2007.

Air Force nominations beginning with Robin Mark Adam and ending with Randall J. Zak, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 11, 2007.

Air Force nominations beginning with Sharon A. Andrews and ending with Donna M. F. Woike, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 11, 2007.

Air Force nominations beginning with Michael P. Adler and ending with Bert A. Silich, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 11, 2007.

Air Force nominations beginning with Mark Hugh Alexander and ending with Margaret D. Weatherman, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 11, 2007.

Air Force nominations beginning with Luisa Yvette Charbonneau and ending with Seferino S. Silva, Jr., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 11, 2007.

Air Force nominations beginning with Maiya D. Anderson and ending with Jeffrey L. Wisneski, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 11, 2007.

Air Force nominations beginning with Christine Lynn Barber and ending with Chung H. Yen, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 11, 2007.

Army nominations beginning with Stephen D. Hogan and ending with Phillip H. Williams, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 10, 2007.

Army nomination of Laurence W. Gebler to be Colonel.

Army nomination of John E. Markham to be Colonel.

Army nominations beginning with Ariel P. Abuel and ending with Scott C. Sheltz, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 10, 2007.

Army nomination of David W. Laflam to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nomination of Thomas P. Flynn to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nomination of Earl W. Shaffer to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Orsure W. Stokes to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Alvis Dunson to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nominations beginning with Jeffrey W. Weiser and ending with Leonard J. Grado, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 10, 2007.

Army nominations beginning with Kurt G. Bullington and ending with Jason M. Cates, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 10, 2007.

Army nominations beginning with Alton J. Luder, Jr. and ending with Douglas J. Mouton, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 10, 2007.

Army nomination of Gary L. Brewer to be Colonel.

Army nominations beginning with Michael J. Finger and ending with Robert T. Ruiz, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 10, 2007.

Army nomination of Philip Sundquist to be Major.

Army nominations beginning with Carrie G. Benton and ending with Carol A. Macgregordebarba, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 10, 2007.

Army nomination of Marivel Velazquezrespo to be Major.

Army nominations beginning with Grace Northup and ending with Mary L. Sprague, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 10, 2007.

Army nominations beginning with Francis M. Belue and ending with Carl S. Young, Jr., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 10, 2007.

Army nominations beginning with James W. Adams and ending with X0393, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 10, 2007.

Army nominations beginning with Edward E. Agee, Jr. and ending with Cedric T. Wins, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 10, 2007.

Army nominations beginning with Timothy K. Buennemeyer and ending with D060262, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 10, 2007.

Army nominations beginning with Philip K. Abbott and ending with Jeffrey S. Wiltse, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 10, 2007.

Army nominations beginning with Cheryl E. Boone and ending with Francisco A. Vila, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 10, 2007.

Army nomination of Thomas F. King to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nomination of Mary P. Whitney to be Major.

Army nominations beginning with James W. Haliday and ending with Dimitry Y. Tsvetov, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 11, 2007.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with James D. Barich and ending with Gordon B. Overy, Jr., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 16, 2007.

Navy nomination of Timothy M. Greene to be Captain.

Navy nominations beginning with David J. Adams and ending with Chimi I. Zacot, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 10, 2007.

Navy nomination of Donald S. Hudson to be Commander.

Navy nomination of Jeffrey N. Saville to be Commander.

Navy nomination of Steven M. Dematteo to be Lieutenant Commander.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. MARTINEZ (for himself and Mr. SESSIONS):