

Baltimore City. She also aided in the founding of various other organizations, including the University of Maryland Center for Infant Study, the Children's Guild of Baltimore, and the Maryland Committee for Children. She also helped establish the Baltimore Metropolitan Association for Mental Health.

In addition to working to improve the lives of seniors, women, and minorities, Peggy Waxter also served as chairwoman of the Volunteers Advisory Committee at Baltimore City Hospital, which is now the Johns Hopkins Bayview Hospital, and as head of the Northeast Symphony Society. Through these and numerous other service organizations, she influenced nearly every aspect of Baltimore society and was rightfully named by Baltimore Magazine one of the city's 11 most powerful women in 1978.

Baltimore is a better city because of Peggy Waxter's guiding hand. She is survived by her family: a daughter, Margaret Waxter Maher; a son, retired Baltimore City Circuit Court Judge Thomas J.S. Waxter, Jr., with whom I was privileged to serve in the Maryland General Assembly from 1967 until 1971; 6 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. I wish to express my heartfelt condolences to the Waxter family, and I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering her today.●

RECOGNIZING THE CONRATH POST OFFICE

● Mr. KOHL. Mr. President, I would like to take this time to recognize and congratulate the Conrath Post Office, located in Conrath, WI, on its 100th anniversary.

In 1904, the Conrath brothers settled in what would later become the village of Conrath. Located in northwest Wisconsin, the village sat on the Wisconsin Central Railroad line between Owen, WI, and Duluth, MN. In 1905, Frank Conrath sent 10 possible names to the railroad general passenger agent for the naming of the village. The general passenger agent decided on the name that still stands today: Conrath.

Mrs. Frank Conrath wrote to the postmaster general in 1905 to request that a post office be established in the village. The post office moved into the Rusk Farm Company Store where George W. Kendall became the first postmaster in 1907.

The first rural mail carrier in Conrath was Joseph Hahn, who delivered the mail in a single-cylinder, chain-drive, high-wheel-car. Throughout the past century, there have been 21 postmasters and postmistresses, as well as numerous rural route carriers, who have diligently served the residents of Conrath.

Just as Mrs. Conrath did over 100 years ago, residents in Conrath have continued to express the need for the Conrath Post Office as well as value the service and benefit to their community. That is why I am proud to

have worked with the residents of the village in support of their efforts to maintain this post office. When they told me it might close, I worked with residents to convey these concerns to the U.S. Postal Service in order to ensure that this historic post office remains open and that rural residents continue to have effective and consistent postal service.

On behalf of our State and Nation, I congratulate the Conrath Post Office on its 100th anniversary and send my best wishes to all residents of the village of Conrath.●

HONORING AUDREY KIRKPATRICK

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, today I wish to honor Audrey Kirkpatrick, one of South Dakota's 2007 Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute's Angels in Adoption Award recipients. Audrey has worked with Catholic Social Services in Rapid City, SD for 30 years, exhibiting empathy and dedication to birth families, adoptive parents, and adoptees. I am pleased to recognize Audrey for her years of service, and extend my congratulations to her on this special occasion.

Audrey was among the first social workers employed by Catholic Social Services in Rapid City when she began her work with pregnancy counseling and infant adoption in 1977. She remained with the agency until November 2002. At that time, Audrey believed the time had come for her to retire. However, when the program director of the agency resigned, Audrey was called upon to return to Catholic Social Services and fill in the gap during that critical time, despite suffering from ongoing health problems.

Audrey continues to be active in the agency on a part-time basis, and is often tapped by other social workers to answer questions, direct people to resources, and provide ideas on how to continue expanding and fulfilling the agency's mission to facilitate the adoption process, in addition to her role working directly with families.

Stories of Audrey's intense commitment abound. She has been available to families 24 hours a day, going so far as to venture out in the middle of the night to help a young birth mother whose car had broken down. On another occasion, she was present for a reunion of a birth mother and adult son, who she had helped to place in adoption as a child. The mother offered her thanks to Audrey, who had been such a comforting presence at the beginning and end of the adoption experience. It is not uncommon for people to come back to the agency to express their gratitude to Audrey, even years after she helped them through the adoption process.

Audrey is truly an Angel in Adoption. Her contributions to the communities of western South Dakota are inestimable. In the words of one of her coworkers, "I can say with confidence

that the gift Audrey offered to these individuals is stronger than words can express. Dedication, alone, cannot describe it." Audrey is beyond a doubt deserving of recognition for her commitment to ensuring that countless children in South Dakota have loving families and safe homes. It is clear that Audrey's legacy will be one of compassion and caring.●

HONORING BREWER FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

● Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, today I congratulate the Brewer Federal Credit Union for being named the City of Brewer's 2007 Business of the Year. Founded in 1960, the Brewer Federal Credit Union has continually expanded its operations to serve an increasing number of communities in the Brewer area. With slightly over 20 employees, two branches, ATMs throughout the region, and Internet banking services, the credit union aims to make banking simpler for its roughly 8,400 members. Additionally, the Brewer Federal Credit Union's monthly newsletter provides useful information to assist customers, including updated information, news, and financial tips.

The city of Brewer recognized the Brewer Federal Credit Union for its outstanding service to the communities that it serves. Indeed, countless acts of generosity demonstrate well the commitment of the credit union to community service. During the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, the credit union assists the Brewer Community Service Council in collecting nonperishable foods that are put together in baskets to be distributed to local families in need. When a student from the town of Orrington was selected for the People to People program, the Brewer Federal Credit Union helped the student collect old cell phones and used ink cartridges which, in turn, were given to local businesses for recycling, to help finance his trip to Australia. During the annual Brewer Days, a fun-filled celebration held in September, the Brewer Federal Credit Union sponsors specific events, including a block party and street dance. In a similar vein, the credit union has sponsored events like the Brewer waterfront winter festival. Finally, the credit union generously supports local youth sports leagues, as well as Brewer High School athletic programs, various student musical ensembles, and the Boosters Club.

Helping others is clearly an integral part of the Brewer Federal Credit Union's equation for success. By providing a friendly and welcoming business atmosphere, combined with compassionate assistance to individuals and groups within the community, the credit union sets a truly remarkable example by leaving a positive mark on those whose lives it touches. The credit union's selection as Brewer's Business of the Year is a recognition of the positive impact that the credit union

brings to the city and a cogent reminder of the appreciation of Brewer's citizens for a local business that goes above and beyond the call of duty. I congratulate the Brewer Federal Credit Union for its recent award and wish everyone at the credit union continued success in their kind endeavors.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 9:33 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 976) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief for small businesses, and for other purposes, with amendments.

At 12:05 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, 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. 3625. An act to make permanent the waiver authority of the Secretary of Education with respect to student financial assistance during a war or other military operation or national emergency.

At 1:43 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 bills and joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1302. An act to require the President to develop and implement a comprehensive strategy to further the United States foreign policy objective of promoting the reduction of global poverty, the elimination of extreme global poverty, and the achievement of the United Nations Millennium Development Goal of reducing by one-half the proportion of people worldwide, between 1990 and 2015, who live on less than \$1 per day.

H.R. 1400. An act to enhance United States diplomatic efforts with respect to Iran by imposing additional economic sanctions against Iran, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1943. An act to provide for an effective HIV/AIDS program in Federal prisons.

H. Res. 52. A resolution making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2008, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

Con. Res. 210. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 803(a) of the Congressional Recognition for Excellence in Arts Education Act (2 D.S.C. 803(a)), and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Minority Leader appoints Mr. Cliff Akiyama M.A. of California to the Congressional Award Board.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 803(a) of the Congressional Recognition for Excellence in Arts Education Act (2 D.S.C. 803(a)), and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Minority Leader appoints

the following Member of the House of Representatives to the Congressional Award Board: Mr. GUS M. BILIRAKIS of Florida.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 803(a) of the Congressional Recognition for Excellence in Arts Education Act (2 D.S.C. 803(a)), and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Minority Leader appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the Congressional Award Board: Ms. SHEILA JACKSON LEE of Texas; and, in addition: Mr. Paxton Baker of Maryland, Mr. Vic Fazio of Virginia, Mrs. Annette Lantos of California, and Ms. Mary Rodgers of Pennsylvania.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 2 of the Migratory Bird Conservation Act (16 D.S.C. 715a) and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission: Mr. DINGELL of Michigan and Mr. GILCREST of Maryland.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 3:16 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 1983. An act to amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act to renew and amend the provisions for the enhanced review of covered pesticide products, to authorize fees for certain pesticide products, to extend and improve the collection of maintenance fees, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3375. An act to extend the trade adjustment assistance program under the Trade Act of 1974 for 3 months.

H.R. 3580. An act to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to revise and extend the user-fee programs for prescription drugs and for medical devices, to enhance the postmarket authorities of the Food and Drug Administration with respect to the safety of drugs, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

At 5:09 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, 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. 3668. An act to provide for the extension of transitional medical assistance (TMA), the abstinence education program, and the qualifying individuals (QI) program, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 1302. An act to require the President to develop and implement a comprehensive strategy to further the United States foreign policy objective of promoting the reduction of global poverty, the elimination of extreme global poverty, and the achievement of the

United Nations Millennium Development Goal of reducing by one-half the proportion of people worldwide, between 1990 and 2015, who live on less than \$1 per day; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 1400. An act to enhance United States diplomatic efforts with respect to Iran by imposing additional economic sanctions against Iran, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 1943. An act to provide for an effective HIV/AIDS program in Federal prisons; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 210. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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-3411. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Carriage Vessel Overhaul, Repair, and Maintenance" (DFARS Case 2007-D001) received on September 11, 2007; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3412. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Updated Statements of Legal Authority for the Export Administration Regulations" (RIN0694-AD76) received on September 11, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3413. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of the Understandings Reached at the June 2007 Australia Group Plenary Meeting; Addition to the List of States Parties to the Chemical Weapons Convention" (RIN0694-AE08) received on September 25, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3414. A communication from the Secretary, Division of Market Regulation, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Definitions of Terms and Exemptions Relating to the 'Broker' Exceptions for Banks" (RIN3235-AJ74) received on September 24, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3415. A communication from the Secretary, Division of Market Regulation, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Exemptions for Banks Under Section 3(a)(5) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Related Rules" (RIN3235-AJ77) received on September 24, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3416. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Iran as declared in Executive Order 12957; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3417. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant