

million. During the storm of November 2000, the improvement prevented approximately \$13 million worth of damages and remains fully functional today.

More recently, Mr. Mizue successfully led the district through its biggest civil works construction program in many years with highly visible and vital projects, such as the \$28 million Kaumalapau Harbor Project on the Island of Lanai, the \$124 million Palau Compact Road Project in the Republic of Palau, and the \$19 million Kikiaola Small Boat Harbor Project on the Island of Kauai. Under his tutelage, the Honolulu District has achieved the highest customer satisfaction rating for its civil works program in its history. While these accomplishments attest to his commitment to client satisfaction, his nurturing, and pragmatic management style earned him a reputation as a solid team player and a supportive, fair supervisor and mentor to his staff. Mr. Mizue exemplifies not only an effective manager but, more importantly, a dedicated and caring leader.

Mr. Mizue is a recognized representative of the Corps in the Pacific Region. Under his management, the civil works and capital improvement programs expanded in Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, providing for the essential needs of these communities. Mr. Mizue's exemplary administrative and leadership skills have always led the way. He has established lasting relationships with the Hawaii congressional delegation, as well as the Governors of Hawaii, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands. The assets that he brings to bear on behalf of the Corps of Engineers are considerable.

Born in Tokyo, Japan and raised in California, Mr. Mizue is a registered professional engineer in California and Hawaii, a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, and a graduate of the CP-18 Executive Development Program. He holds a bachelors of science degree in engineering from the University of California, Los Angeles and a master of science degree in Water Resource Engineering from Utah State University. He received the Commander's Award for Civilian Service in 1993 and 2002. Mr. Mizue is married to the former Ruby E. Ibaraki. They have three children, Evan, Reid, and Cara.

Mr. President, Mr. Mizue's lifelong contributions to the Army are considerable. His recognized leadership and management skills, his ability to forge lasting substantive relationships, and his clear direction and vision point to a truly outstanding individual who has dedicated his life to service. The Honolulu Engineer District will continue to serve as "America's Engineers in the Pacific." Paul Mizue's legacy of unwavering dedication to duty to the U.S. Army will carry on. Thank you, Mr. Mizue for a job well done. You have the gratitude of a grateful nation.●

IN RECOGNITION OF PAUL WICE

● Mr. NELSON of Nebraska. Mr. President, I wish to congratulate a radio legend in my home State of Nebraska. Paul Wice, who has been a talk show host, news reporter, and news director at KGFW Radio in Kearney, NE, for nearly 40 years, is retiring and will broadcast his final show on September 28, 2007.

Paul got his start in radio working part time, while earning a bachelor's degree in 1966 in speech and music from what was then known as Kearney State College. His first full-time radio job was at KWBE in Beatrice, NE, where he served as news director.

In 1967 Paul returned to Kearney as the afternoon announcer and news director at KGFW. Deciding to try something other than radio, he left the station just a year later to join the Kearney Hub newspaper. He quickly found that his heart was in radio and returned to KGFW as its news director in 1969. Paul has been there ever since and is now in his 38th consecutive year of broadcasting on KGFW to the people of central Nebraska.

While working full time, Paul went on to earn a master's degree in speech communication in 1988 and has served as an adjunct instructor at the University of Nebraska-Kearney since then. He is responsible for KGFW receiving the coveted Mark Twain Award from the Nebraska Associated Press five times, including three consecutive years from 1997 to 1999.

A past president of Nebraska Associated Press Broadcasters, Paul was also the first recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Nebraska AP. He currently serves on the Freedom of Information Committee of the Nebraska Broadcasters Association. He has covered it all for KGFW, including riding on the Robert F. Kennedy train in 1968, just months before the Presidential contender was assassinated. On the other end of the political spectrum, Paul attended a White House Radio-Television News Directors Association luncheon with then-President Ronald Reagan. He also served as the Nebraska Broadcasters Association's official witness to the first execution in Nebraska in decades.

Paul made his mark serving the people of Kearney and central Nebraska, not only as a successful broadcaster but as a dependable source of news year after year. It is highly unusual in this day and age for someone to be able to say they have worked for the same employer for nearly four decades, especially in the highly competitive field of broadcasting.

At every turn in my own political career, from my days as State insurance director to my terms as Governor to my present role as a U.S. Senator, Paul has been there to cover the news, and I will miss interviewing with him in the future.

Paul Wice has definitely been "The Talk of the Town," as his radio program is called. His absence from the

airways will leave a void that will be tough to fill, but I am sure I join all Nebraskans in wishing him well in retirement as he signs off the air for the very last time.●

WEST VIRGINIA'S 2007 ANGEL IN ADOPTION

● Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, it is my great honor to highlight the work of a devoted and difference-making West Virginian. Dennis Sutton, through his work in the Children's Home Society, has been a true asset to adoptive and foster parents and adoption agencies both in West Virginia and across the Nation. I would like to take a moment to highlight his service to his community and congratulate him on receiving the Congressional Adoption Caucus's Angel of Adoption Award.

As the CEO of Children's Home Society of West Virginia, Dennis Sutton has dedicated his organization's program to securing loving homes for West Virginia's children in need—a derivative from his belief that every child is entitled to a loving family and home. Children's Home Society of West Virginia's utmost priority of bringing children and families together has been the result of more than 110 year experience, skilled and well-informed staff, certification by the National Council on Accreditation, and readily available statewide service.

Dennis Sutton's commitment to our Nation's vulnerable children can be further seen in his participation as a founding member of Children's Home Society of America. A national organization, CHSA is comprised of the leading child welfare agencies across the country and aims to promote the safety, nurturing, and well-being of vulnerable children. This remarkable organization is working to make the adoption process easier for everyone involved but put children in the care of stable families, give them the tools to succeed in today's world, and give them hope.

To me, it is clear that this kind of work merits the Angel in Adoption Award. Because of Children's Home Society of America, more than 250,000 children are now living in stable environments. That is an extraordinary accomplishment, one that will benefit our communities now and in the future. Dennis truly has been a passionate advocate for our children in need, has laid the groundwork for a better adoption process, and has put forth the bold vision to enrich and strengthen the fabric of this Nation.

I am delighted to have had this opportunity to highlight not only the wonderful cause but the person who is working on this in my State of West Virginia. To Dennis and the Children's Home Society of America, I offer my most profound respects and deepest appreciation.●

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.)

TRANSMITTING LEGISLATION AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS TO IMPLEMENT THE UNITED STATES-PERU TRADE PROMOTION AGREEMENT—PM 27

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the Congress of the United States:

I am pleased to transmit legislation and supporting documents to implement the United States-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement (Agreement). The Agreement represents a historic development in our relations with Peru, and it reflects the commitment of the United States to supporting democracy and economic growth in Peru. It will also help Peru battle illegal crop production by creating alternative economic opportunities.

In negotiating this Agreement, my Administration was guided by the objectives set out in the Trade Act of 2002. The Agreement will create significant new opportunities for American workers, farmers, ranchers, businesses, and consumers by opening new markets and eliminating barriers.

Under the Agreement, tariffs on approximately 80 percent of U.S. exports will be eliminated immediately. This will help to level the playing field, since over 97 percent of our imports from Peru already enjoy duty-free access to our market under U.S. trade preference programs. United States agricultural exports will enjoy substantial new improvements in access. Almost 90 percent, by value, of current U.S. agricultural exports will be able to enter Peru duty-free immediately, compared to less than 2 percent currently. By providing for the effective enforcement of labor and environmental laws, combined with strong remedies for noncompliance, the Agreement will contribute to improved worker rights and high levels of environmental protection in Peru.

The Agreement forms an integral part of my Administration's larger strategy of opening markets around the world through negotiating and concluding global, regional, and bilateral

trade initiatives. The Agreement provides the opportunity to strengthen our economic and political ties with the Andean region, and underpins U.S. support for democracy and freedom while contributing to further hemispheric integration.

Approval of this Agreement is in our national interest.

GEORGE W. BUSH.
THE WHITE HOUSE, September 27, 2007.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 1:38 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. 2693. An act to direct the Occupational Safety and Health Administration to issue a standard regulating worker exposure to diacetyl.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H. Con. Res. 217. Concurrent resolution to correct technical errors in the enrollment of the bill H.R. 3580; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 2693. An act to direct the Occupational Safety and Health Administration to issue a standard regulating worker exposure to diacetyl.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, September 27, 2007, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

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.

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-3443. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mexican Fruit Fly; Removal of Quarantined Area" (Docket No. APHS-2007-0051) received on September 25, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3444. A communication from the Assistant to the Board, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Expanded Examination Cycle for Certain Small Insured Depository Institutions and U.S. Branches and Agencies

of Foreign Banks" (Docket No. R-1279) received on September 25, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3445. A communication from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving exports to Saudi Arabia including equipment and services needed to support a greenfield petrochemical plant; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3446. A communication from the Secretary, Office of Investment Adviser Regulations, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary Rule Regarding Principal Trades with Certain Advisory Clients" (RIN3235-AJ96) received on September 26, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3447. A communication from the Assistant to the Board, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, 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 26, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3448. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulations Governing Practice Before the Internal Revenue Service" ((RIN1545-BA72) (TD 9359)) received on September 25, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3449. A communication from the Chairman, Office of General Counsel, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Use of Campaign Funds for Donations to Non-Federal Candidates and Any Other Lawful Purpose Other Than Personal Use" (Notice 2007-18) received on September 25, 2007; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-3450. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the second quarter report of the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3451. A communication from the Chief, Programs and Legislation Division, Department of the Air Force, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the initiation of a standard competition of the Vehicle Operations and Maintenance function at Travis Air Force Base; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3452. 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 "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Indiana; Oxides of Nitrogen Regulations, Phase II" (FRL No. 8472-4) received on September 26, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3453. 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 "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Alabama; Clean Air Interstate Rule" (FRL No. 8475-9) received on September 26, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3454. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting,