

go fishing than spend their time talking to me—I want to express in the RECORD the eternal appreciation I have for the service of the 1st Brigade Combat Team of the 34th Infantry.

You gave up time, income, and family togetherness. You risked everything so all our lives could be safer and more free from fear. When your Nation called you to serve, you didn't take a poll, you didn't equivocate, you didn't even question why. You served because you were called to and you did your duty with perseverance, excellence and strength. Your active duty service is now complete, but our debt of gratitude will never end. On behalf of all Minnesotans, we welcome you home.

Thank you and may God Bless you.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

150TH ANNIVERSARY OF R&R MARKET

• Mr. SALAZAR. Mr. President, I wish to commemorate the 150th anniversary of Colorado's oldest family-owned business—the R&R Market in the town of San Luis, in Costilla County, CO. My family has ranched and farmed in the San Luis Valley for five generations just a few miles west of San Luis. I grew up knowing the R&R Market as one of the treasures of the valley, a great symbol of our shared history and heritage.

Colorado was built upon the ingenuity, hard work, and entrepreneurial spirit of people like Don José Dario Gallegos, who traveled from the San Luis Valley by mule train over the Santa Fe Trail to trade centers in St. Louis and Independence, Missouri. Don Dario Gallegos was among the founders of the town of San Luis in 1851 and helped establish some of the first water rights in the area. The irrigation ditches—or acequias—that he and the settlers dug are still in use today.

When Don Dario Gallegos opened his store in San Luis in 1857, Colorado was still a young territory, and statehood was nearly 20 years away.

Though the physical foundation of Don José Dario Gallegos's original adobe structure would be destroyed in an 1895 fire, the people of San Luis came together to form the indestructible foundation rooted in a commitment to community and family that sustains the R&R Market to this very day.

It is this commitment that the people of San Luis will celebrate on June 30, 150 years after the original R&R Market opened its doors. I congratulate the Gallegos descendants—who still own and operate the market—and the people of San Luis on this momentous anniversary.

I have a painting of the R&R Market hanging in my Washington, DC, office. It serves as an everyday reminder of the place I come from—a place where community and family mean everything, a place where the spirit of Colo-

rado was born and continues to thrive. I am honored to represent that place and the people who come from it. •

TRIBUTE TO GEORGE M. VAN TASSEL

• Mr. SHELBY. Mr. President, I wish to pay tribute to George M. Van Tassel, who passed away on Monday, June 18, 2007. For 13 years, George served as mayor of my hometown, Tuscaloosa, AL. He was a personal friend of mine and along with the entire town of Tuscaloosa, I mourn his passing.

In the 1930s George moved south from New York to attend the University of Alabama School of Law. There, he met a fellow student, Juarine Berrey, with whom he quickly fell in love. They married in 1934. Several years after his graduation in 1939, George was drafted by the U.S. Army to serve in the European theater during World War II. On D-Day, George was among the soldiers who landed on the beach at Normandy, France.

Upon returning to the States, George began his law practice. In 1956, he was elected to serve as mayor of Tuscaloosa, filling the unexpired term of mayor Hal McCall. Although George oversaw many changes that took place in Tuscaloosa during his three terms as mayor, perhaps his most notable achievement was his initiative to dam the North River and create a 5,885-acre water supply reservoir we call Lake Tuscaloosa.

In 1969, George decided not to run for reelection. An avid hunter and fisherman, he wanted more time to enjoy his hobbies. He returned to the law, managing a successful practice until he retired at age 75.

George is loved and will be missed by his daughter, Linda Ayers of Tuscaloosa, and his son, George M. Van Tassel, Jr., of Birmingham. He was an inspiration to many and will be remembered for his dedication and many contributions to the city of Tuscaloosa. I ask this entire Senate to join me in recognizing and honoring the life of George M. Van Tassel. •

REPORT ON THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO THE WESTERN BALKANS AS DECLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 13219 OF JUNE 26, 2001—PM 19

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 Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a

notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent the enclosed notice to the *Federal Register* for publication stating that the Western Balkans emergency is to continue in effect beyond June 26, 2007. The most recent notice continuing this emergency was published in the *Federal Register* on June 23, 2006, 71 FR 36183.

The crisis constituted by the actions of persons engaged in, or assisting, sponsoring, or supporting (i) extremist violence in the Republic of Macedonia and elsewhere in the Western Balkans region, or (ii) acts obstructing implementation of the Dayton Accords in Bosnia or United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 of June 10, 1999, in Kosovo, that led to the declaration of a national emergency on June 26, 2001, in Executive Order 13219 and to amendment of that order in Executive Order 13304 of May 28, 2003, has not been resolved. The acts of extremist violence and obstructionist activity outlined in Executive Order 13219, as amended, are hostile to U.S. interests and pose a continuing unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. For these reasons, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared with respect to the Western Balkans and maintain in force the comprehensive sanctions to this threat.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, June 22, 2007.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 11:53 a.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:

S. 1352. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 127 East Locust Street in Fairbury, Illinois, as the "Dr. Francis Townsend Post Office Building".

At 2:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Brandon, 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. 2764. An act making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2771. An act making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, 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. 2764. An act making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal

year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

H.R. 2771. An act making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 2359. An act to reauthorize programs to assist small business concerns, 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-2339. 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 "Importation of Fruit from Thailand" ((RIN0579-AC10)(Docket No. APHIS-2006-0040)) received on June 21, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2340. 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 "Pine Shoot Beetle; Addition of Cumberland County, New Jersey, to the List of Quarantined Areas" (Docket No. APHIS-2007-0067) received on June 21, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2341. A communication from the Director, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to Bank Secrecy Act Regulations Regarding Casino Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements" (RIN1506-AA29) received on June 21, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2342. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zones (including 6 regulations beginning with CGD01-07-002)" (RIN1625-AA00) received on June 21, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2343. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zones (including 6 regulations beginning with CGD01-07-043)" (RIN1625-AA00) received on June 21, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2344. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operations (including 5 regulations beginning with CGD01-07-058)" (RIN1625-AA09) received on June 21, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2345. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulations (including 2 regulations beginning

with CGD05-07-017)" (RIN1625-AA08) received on June 21, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2346. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Anchorage Regulations; Port of New York and Vicinity" ((RIN1625-AA01)(CGD01-06-023)) received on June 21, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2347. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zones (including 8 regulations beginning with CGD09-07-039)" (RIN1625-AA00) received on June 21, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2348. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zones (including 8 regulations beginning with CGD09-07-042)" (RIN1625-AA00) received on June 21, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2349. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Applicability of Federal Power Act Section 215 to Qualifying Small Power Production and Cogeneration Facilities" (Docket No. RM07-11-000) received on June 20, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2350. 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 "Application of Section 6404(g) of the Internal Revenue Code Suspension Provisions" ((RIN1545-BG64)(TD 9333)) received on June 21, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2351. A communication from the Chief of the Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Haitian Hemisphere Opportunity Through Partnership Encouragement Act of 2006" (RIN1505-AB82) received on June 21, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2352. A communication from the Inspector General, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's Semiannual Report relative to its activities and accomplishments during the period of October 1, 2006, through March 31, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2353. A communication from the Director, Strategic Human Resources Policy Division, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Locality Pay Areas" (RIN3206-AL27) received on June 21, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2354. A communication from the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Department's Inspector General for the period of October 1, 2006, through March 31, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2355. A communication from the General Counsel, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a change in previously submitted reported information for the position of Administrator for the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, received on June 21, 2007;

to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2356. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's review of legislation entitled "Honest Leadership and Open Government Act of 2007"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2357. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, the report of a draft bill entitled "Veterans' Authorities Expansion Act of 2007"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-2358. A communication from the Director of Regulations Management, Office of Information and Technology, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Data Breaches" (RIN2900-AM63) received on June 21, 2007; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary:

Report to accompany S. 535, a bill to establish an Unsolved Crimes Section in the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, and an Unsolved Civil Rights Crime Investigative Office in the Civil Rights Unit of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-88).

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 Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Mrs. LINCOLN):

S. 1682. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to improve the management of medical care for members of the Armed Forces, to improve the speed and efficiency of the physical disability evaluation system of the Department of Defense, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. VOINOVICH, and Mr. LEVIN):

S. 1683. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt from the harbor maintenance tax certain commercial cargo loaded or unloaded at United States ports in the Great Lakes Saint Lawrence Seaway System; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BIDEN (for himself and Mr. LUGAR):

S. 1684. A bill to establish the Return of Talent Program to allow aliens who are legally present in the United States to return temporarily to the country of citizenship of the alien if that country is engaged in post-conflict or natural disaster reconstruction, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mrs. DOLE (for herself, Mr. BURR, Mr. STEVENS, and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. Res. 249. A resolution honoring the life of Ruth Bell Graham; considered and agreed to.