

its students, its development of individual self-worth, and a curriculum which promotes clear thinking and communication skills.

The college that time and again was the defining force behind so many students and graduates in the last century will now be the university that will propel new generations into this age and beyond, and it will do so with the same bedrock foundation that places the individual education of each student first and the forward-looking focus that enables Husson students and graduates to set and reach any goal. Husson University understands, conveys, and puts into action what the English poet, Robert Browning, once so eloquently expressed in words "a man's reach should exceed his grasp or what's a Heaven for?"•

FISHMAN REALTY GROUP

• Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, today I recognize Fishman Realty Group of Portland, a 12 person real estate firm providing vital assistance to naval personnel transitioning from Brunswick Naval Air Station in my home State of Maine as a result of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure round. In this effort, Fishman Realty Group manages the Army Corps of Engineers' Homeowners' Assistance Program, a crucial initiative that enables departing Navy personnel to sell their homes to the Federal government. In turn, service members and their families are able to purchase homes elsewhere without missing a step in not only their service, but also their livelihood. Given the housing crisis our country is currently facing, fostering a smooth transition for our service members is an absolute necessity.

With the Brunswick Naval air Station slated for closure in 2011, the prospect that our current precarious housing market would hinder naval families from selling their homes is certainly unsettling. For instance, service members reassigned to another base could potentially face large losses on their homes—impeding the ability of these men and women to purchase homes elsewhere and continue their duties.

That is why Fishman Realty Group has proven to be a beacon in combating markets depressed by crumbling housing prices. Through the Homeowners' Assistance Program, Fishman Realty Group is responsible for maintaining and listing the properties that the government has acquired from the departing personnel, preventing financial loss for their families, and protecting an already depressed market from further economic turmoil. As the sailors of Brunswick Naval Air Station depart, they need not fear that their homes will become financial burdens.

The effort of Fishman Realty Group is a shining example of how small businesses can make a tangible and tremendous difference during an economic downturn. Founded by Alan Fishman in 1987, Fishman Realty Group offers

full service real estate brokering and property management throughout the greater Portland area. Additionally, the firm couples these offerings with local appraisers, lenders, and engineers; and facilitates transactions within and around the Portland community. In these challenging times for the housing market, it is a testament to Fishman Realty Group's business integrity that it reaches out to help military families, demonstrating that their business ethic is fundamentally grounded in putting others first.

In 21 years of service to Portland communities, Fishman Realty Group has transformed landscapes and expanded opportunities for hundreds of businesses and families. I wish Fishman Realty Group and its employees continued success, and I thank them for their commitment to the community of Brunswick Naval Air Station.●

UNITED RADIO BROADCASTERS

• Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, today I wish to briefly discuss some of the amazing efforts broadcasters have made and are currently undertaking not due to government mandates or regulation, but rather as stewards of the public airwaves and as proud members of their local communities.

We all know how my home State and our gulf neighbors were ravaged by the 2005 hurricane season. What many do not realize however is that our local broadcasters performed heroically during this traumatic time. Despite personal losses and risks to their own safety, broadcasters worked feverishly to keep their signals on the air before, during, and after these devastating storms. Their efforts in the wake of Hurricane Katrina literally proved to be a life line to many victims who were stranded by the storm.

Even when towers did go down during Katrina, the citizens of Louisiana witnessed a rare phenomenon in today's world. Radio broadcasters, who were competitors just the day before, banded together combining resources and personnel to establish the United Radio Broadcasters of New Orleans. By putting aside self interests, the United Radio Broadcasters were able to keep the citizens of Louisiana up to date with vital and even life saving information.

Today, we continue to see similar efforts benefiting communities across the country. For example, in a recent edition of Radio Guide, there is an inspiring article about steps one broadcaster is taking to improve its connection to the local community in times of need. Clear Channel has unveiled a series of emergency response teams that can be deployed to areas hit by natural disasters. Specifically, these teams operate as radio stations on wheels. Armed with mobile towers, generators, satellite/Internet connectivity, and other radio infrastructure needs, they have the ability to keep a

station on the air even if the station's permanent studio or tower is knocked out of commission. Some of these emergency assets were successfully deployed in Baton Rouge during Hurricane Gustav last month. While it is my hope that these capabilities rarely, if ever, have to be used, it is comforting to know they are at the ready.

This endeavor and similar investments being made by broadcasters across the country represent a strong commitment to serving local communities. While many here in Washington want to increase the level of regulation placed upon local broadcasters, I would point out that the examples I spoke of today were not dictated from some federal agency. Rather, these efforts were voluntarily undertaken by the men and women who are committed to serving the needs of their local listeners.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Neiman, 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.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING RECESS ON SEPTEMBER 29, 2008

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2008, the Secretary of the Senate, on September 29, 2008, during the recess of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HOYER) had signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 2162. An act to improve the treatment and services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs to veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder and substance use disorders, and for other purposes.

S. 2840. An act to establish a liaison with the Federal Bureau of Investigation in United States Citizenship and Immigration Services to expedite naturalization applications filed by members of the Armed Forces and to establish a deadline for processing such applications.

S. 2982. An act to amend the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act to authorize appropriations, and for other purposes.

S. 3597. An act to provide that funds allocated for community food projects for fiscal year 2008 shall remain available until September 30, 2009.

H.R. 1157. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to make grants for the development and operation of research centers

regarding environmental factors that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer.

H.R. 1777. An act to amend the Improving America's Schools Act of 1994 to make permanent the favorable treatment of need-based educational aid under the antitrust laws.

H.R. 5057. An act to reauthorize the Debbie Smith DNA Backlog Grant Program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5571. An act to extend for 5 years the program relating to waiver of the foreign country residence requirement with respect to international medical graduates, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6460. An act to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to provide for the remediation of sediment contamination in areas of concern, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6946. An act to make a technical correction in the NET 911 Improvement Act of 2008.

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

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 2:26 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Zapata, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HOYER) has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 3023. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve and enhance compensation and pension, housing, labor and education, and insurance benefits for veterans, and for other purposes.

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

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-8154. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of (3) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the next higher grade in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8155. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Organic Program; Amendment to the National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances (Livestock)" (RIN0581-AC81) received on September 30, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8156. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Apricots Grown in Designated Counties in Washington; Increased Assessment Rate" ((Docket No. AMS-FV-08-0052)(FV08-922-1 FR)) received on September 30, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8157. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Serv-

ice, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Irish Potatoes Grown in Colorado; Reinstatement of the Continuing Assessment Rate" ((Docket No. AMS-FV-08-0048)(FV08-948-2 FR)) received on September 30, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8158. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Irish Potatoes Grown in Washington; Relaxation of Handling and Import Regulations" ((Docket No. AMS-FV-08-0036)(FV08-946-1 IFR)) received on September 30, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8159. 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 "Encryption Simplification" (RIN0694-AE18) received on September 30, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8160. 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 "De Minimis U.S. Content in Foreign Made Items" (RIN0694-AC17) received on September 30, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8161. A communication from the Associate Managing Director—Performance Evaluation and Records Management, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 90.20(e)(6) of the Commission's Rules" ((FCC 08-186)(WT Docket No. 06-142)) received on September 30, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8162. A communication from the Associate Managing Director—Performance Evaluation and Records Management, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations: Beeville, Christine, George West, and Tilden, Texas" ((DA 08-70)(MB Docket No. 07-78)) received on September 30, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8163. A communication from the Associate Managing Director—Performance Evaluation and Records Management, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.622(i), Final DTV Table of Allotments, Television Broadcast Stations: Castle Rock, Colorado" ((DA 08-2031)(MB Docket No. 08-106)) received on September 30, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8164. A communication from the Associate Managing Director—Performance Evaluation and Records Management, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of the Commission's Rules Regarding Maritime Automatic Identification Systems" ((FCC 08-208)(WT Docket No. 04-344)) received on September 30, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8165. A communication from Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Wyoming Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Plan" ((SATS No. WY-036-FOR)(Docket ID OSM-2008-0008)) received on September 30, 2008; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-8166. A communication from the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "RCRA Hazardous Waste Identification of Methamphetamine Production Process By-products"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8167. A communication from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Adjustment of Civil Penalties for Inflation" (RIN3150-AI45) received on September 26, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8168. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Ohio; Removal of Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Programs for Cincinnati and Dayton" ((EPA-R05-OAR-2007-1100)(FRL-8723-9)) received on September 30, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8169. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Revised Format for Materials Being Incorporated by Reference for Maine" ((ME-064-7013a)(FRL-8719-7)) received on September 30, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8170. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval of Revised Municipal Waste Combustor State Plan for Designated Facilities and Pollutants: Indiana" ((EPA-R05-OAR-2007-0952)(FRL-8722-8)) received on September 30, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8171. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulation of Fuels and Fuel Additives: Modifications to Renewable Fuel Standard Program Requirements" ((RIN2060-AO80)(FRL-8723-3)) received on September 30, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8172. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Aspergillus flavus NRRL 21882; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" ((EPA-HQ-OPP-2008-0381)(FRL-8383-9)) received on September 30, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8173. A communication from the Chief of Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Haitian Hemispheric Opportunity Through Partnership Encouragement Acts of 2006 and 2008" (RIN1505-AB82) received on September 26, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8174. A communication from the Chief of Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "No-Rule Areas under Section 409A" (Rev. Proc. 2008-61) received on September 30, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8175. A communication from the Regulation Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant