

we can be, not what we don't have. This program, and others like it, allows us to build on our strengths, to enable our citizens to make a decent living, to encourage our young people to stay at home, and to ultimately build the tax base and enhance the quality of life for us all.

I commend alt.Consulting on their vision and hard work. I am honored to recognize them on 10 great years, and I look forward to seeing the fruits of their labor for years to come.●

RECOGNIZING KELLY'S CLOSET

● Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, I wish to recognize Kelly's Closet of Waterford, ME, a woman-owned small business that has helped reinvent a traditional product in a new and environmentally friendly way.

When Kelly Wells founded Kelly's Closet in 2001, there were few options for parents looking for cost-effective, sanitary, and environmentally friendly diapers for their children. Like any good enterprising businesswoman, Ms. Wells identified this underserved market and then moved to supply the demand. At first, Ms. Wells's venture failed to attract the customers for which she had hoped and no orders arrived for 4 months. Despite these early difficulties, Ms. Wells persevered, and eventually her tenacity paid off. The orders that had started off slow rose exponentially, and her business had grown to such an extent that the most significant problem she and her two employees now face is keeping the "shelves" of their virtual store stocked with the company's products. Today, Kelly's Closet combines the Internet's tremendous marketing platform with good old-fashioned Maine friendliness to create a customer experience second to none.

Kelly's Closet offers many different diaper and diaper liner options in a wide variety of fibers, from flannel, fleece, and organic cotton, to more unique choices like rice paper and bamboo. Ms. Wells's notably wide variety of merchandise is easy to identify with catchy names like "Rumpsters," "Knickernappies," and "Tiny Tush." Kelly's Closet also sells additional products from other trusted and well-known companies, including accessories for strollers, diaper bags, and other children's apparel, such as swim diapers for the summer and baby boots and shoes for any time of year.

In addition to a varied selection, Kelly's Closet also helps to educate parents about cloth diapers. For parents, making the right diaper choice can sometimes be a confusing process. To help these parents, Ms. Wells publishes a newsletter and has a special easy-to-use section on her Web site that is dedicated to answering parents' frequently asked questions about diaper fabrics, size, and care, as well as the history of the cloth diaper movement. These additions to her Web site ensure that consumers are well informed before they make their first purchase.

Maine is a State known for its innovators and entrepreneurs, and Kelly Wells is a member of that proud group. Her perseverance, tenacity, and business acumen are a testament to what a small business can accomplish. In 8 years, Ms. Wells has helped transform the way parents purchase diapers and has expanded their possibilities to a great degree. I wish Kelly Wells and all the employees of Kelly's Closet continued success as they grow, innovate, and expand their business.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:25 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 bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1084. An act to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956, and the Foreign Service Act of 1980 to build operational readiness in civilian agencies, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1424. An act to amend section 712 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, section 2705 of the Public Health Service Act, section 9812 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require equity in the provision of mental health and substance-related disorder benefits under group health plans, to prohibit discrimination on the basis of genetic information with respect to health insurance and employment, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4191. An act to redesignate the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park in the State of Ohio as the "Wright Brothers-Dunbar National Historical Park", and for other purposes.

H.R. 4774. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10250 John Saunders Road in San Antonio, Texas, as the "Cyndi Taylor Krier Post Office Building".

H.R. 5159. An act to establish the Office of the Capitol Visitor Center within the Office of the Architect of the Capitol, headed by the Chief Executive Officer for Visitor Services, to provide for the effective management and administration of the Capitol Visitor Center, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5220. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3800 SW. 185th Avenue in Beaverton, Oregon, as the "Major Arthur Chin Post Office Building".

H.R. 5400. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 160 East Washington Street in Chagrin Falls, Ohio, as the "Sgt. Michael M. Kashkoush Post Office Building".

The message also announced that the House has passed the following joint resolution, without amendment:

S.J. Res. 25. Joint resolution providing for the appointment of John W. McCarter as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

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

H. Con. Res. 278. Concurrent resolution supporting Taiwan's fourth direct and democratic presidential elections in March 2008.

H. Con. Res. 286. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that Earl Lloyd should be recognized and honored for breaking the color barrier and becoming the first African-American to play in the National Basketball Association League 58 years ago.

H. Con. Res. 292. Concurrent resolution honoring Margaret Truman Daniel and her lifetime of accomplishments.

H. Con. Res. 307. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that Members' Congressional papers should be properly maintained and encouraging Members to take all necessary measures to manage and preserve these papers.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 4191. To redesignate the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park in the State of Ohio as the "Wright Brothers-Dunbar National Historical Park", and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 4774. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10250 John Saunders Road in San Antonio, Texas, as the "Cyndi Taylor Krier Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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The following concurrent resolutions were read, and referred as indicated:

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H. Con. Res. 286. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that Earl Lloyd should be recognized and honored for breaking the color barrier and becoming the first African American to play in the National Basketball Association League 58 years ago; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H. Con. Res. 292. Concurrent resolution honoring Margaret Truman Daniel and her lifetime of accomplishments; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H. Con. Res. 307. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that Members' Congressional papers should be properly maintained and encouraging Members to take all necessary measures to manage and preserve these papers; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 2709. A bill to increase the criminal penalties for illegally reentering the United States and for other purposes.

S. 2710. A bill to authorize the Department of Homeland Security to use an employer's failure to timely resolve discrepancies with the Social Security Administration after receiving a "no match" notice as evidence that the employer violated section 274A of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

S. 2711. A bill to improve the enforcement of laws prohibiting the employment of unauthorized aliens and for other purposes.

S. 2712. A bill to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to complete at least 700 miles of reinforced fencing along the Southwest border by December 31, 2010, and for other purposes.

S. 2713. A bill to prohibit appropriated funds from being used in contravention of section 642(a) of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996.

S. 2714. A bill to close the loophole that allowed the 9/11 hijackers to obtain credit cards from United States banks that financed their terrorists activities, to ensure that illegal immigrants cannot obtain credit cards to evade United States immigration laws, and for other purposes.

S. 2715. A bill to amend title 4, United States Code, to declare English as the national language of the Government of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 2716. A bill to authorize the National Guard to provide support for the border control activities of the United States Customs and Border Protection of the Departments of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.

S. 2717. A bill to provide for enhanced Federal enforcement of, and State and local assistance in the enforcement of, the immigration laws of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 2718. A bill to withhold 10 percent of the Federal funding apportioned for highway construction and maintenance from States that issue driver's licenses to individuals without verifying the legal status of such individuals.

S. 2719. A bill to provide that Executive Order 13166 shall have no force or effect, and to prohibit the use of funds for certain purposes.

S. 2720. A bill to withhold Federal financial assistance from each country that denies or unreasonably delays the acceptance of nationals of such country who have been ordered removed from the United States and to prohibit the issuance of visas to nationals of such country.

S. 2721. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to prescribe the binding oath or affirmation of renunciation and allegiance required to be naturalized as a citizen of the United States, to encourage and support the efforts of prospective citizens of the United States to become citizens, and for other purposes.

S. 2722. A bill to prohibit aliens who are repeat drunk drivers from obtaining legal status or immigration benefits.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

H.R. 1424. An act to amend section 712 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, section 2705 of the Public Health Service Act, and section 9812 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require equity in the provision of mental health and substance-related disorder benefits under group health plans.

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EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. BAUCUS for the Committee on Finance.

*Douglas H. Shulman, of the District of Columbia, to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue for the term prescribed by law.

By Mr. LEAHY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Kevin J. O'Connor, of Connecticut, to be Associate Attorney General.

Gregory G. Katsas, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

William Joseph Hawe, of Washington, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Washington for the term of four years.

Brian Stacy Miller, of Arkansas, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Arkansas.

James Randal Hall, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Georgia.

John A. Mendez, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California.

Stanley Thomas Anderson, of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

(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. BROWN (for himself and Mr. COCHRAN):

S. 2723. A bill to expand the dental workforce and improve dental access, prevention, and data reporting, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BAYH (for himself, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. LUGAR):

S. 2724. A bill to amend the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974 to require that weather radios be installed in all manufactured homes manufactured or sold in the United States; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. WEBB):

S. 2725. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6892 Main Street in Gloucester, Virginia, as the "Congresswoman Jo Ann S. Davis Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 2726. A bill to amend the Emergency Food Assistance Act of 1983 to require the Secretary of Agriculture to help offset the costs of intrastate transportation, storage, and distribution of bonus commodities provided to States and food assistance agencies under the emergency food assistance program; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. WICKER, Mr. SHELBY, and Mr. DOMENICI):

S. 2727. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a temporary moratorium on enforcement of the cap amount on payments for hospice care under the Medicare program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ISAKSON:

S. 2728. A bill to establish the Twenty-First Century Water Commission to study and develop recommendations for a comprehensive water strategy to address future water needs; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. CORNYN:

S. 2729. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to modify Medicare physician reimbursement policies to ensure a future physician workforce, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DOMENICI (for himself, Ms. LANDRIEU, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. ALEXANDER, and Mrs. DOLE):

S. 2730. A bill to facilitate the participation of private capital and skills in the strategic, economic, and environmental development of a diverse portfolio of clean energy and energy efficiency technologies within the United States, to facilitate the commercialization and market penetration of the technologies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. Res. 475. A resolution congratulating Iowa State University of Science and Technology on its 150 years of leadership and service to the United States and the world as Iowa's land-grant university; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. VOINOVICH, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. CARPER, Mr. BIDEN, and Mr. LEVIN):

S. Con. Res. 69. A concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of a national day of remembrance for Harriet Tubman; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 22

At the request of Mr. WEBB, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) and the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 22, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a program of educational assistance for members of the Armed Forces who serve in the Armed Forces after September 11, 2001, and for other purposes.

S. 573

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. BYRD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 573, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and the Public Health Service Act to improve the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of heart disease, stroke, and other cardiovascular diseases in women.

S. 582

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Minnesota