

served as both a State Representative in Alaska for 4 years, as House majority leader, and as a State senator, for 4 years from 1971–75 and again for a term starting in 1987, representing his home region of northwest Alaska. Mr. Hensley was born, in Kotzebue, AK, a small village about 40 miles north of the Arctic Circle. He and his family lived in the Noatak River delta where they lived by subsistence hunting, fishing and trapping. While home schooled through the Harrison Chilbowee Academy, he studied for 2 years at the University of Alaska in Fairbanks before receiving his B.A. degree in political science with a minor in economics in 1966 from George Washington University. He then conducted postgraduate studies in law at the University of New Mexico.

It was in 1966 that he wrote a paper in a constitutional law course entitled, "What Rights to Land Have the Alaska Natives: The Primary Issue." The paper covered the background of public land issues in Alaska and forcefully made the case for Alaska Native claims to aboriginal lands, that coming 7 years after Alaska had won statehood. The paper, which laid out steps Alaska Natives should take to win their land claims, became an important underpinning of the Alaska Native rights movement that culminated in passage of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act in 1971. The Act provided Alaska Natives with 44 million acres of Alaska and nearly \$1 billion in funds and cemented Mr. Hensley's reputation as one of the most capable young Native leaders of Alaska.

Mr. STEVENS. As Senator MURKOWSKI knows, while Mr. Hensley entered the Alaska Legislature in 1967, he also was a founder of the NANA Regional Corporation, one of the 13 Alaska Native regional corporations formed by the 1971 Native Claims Act. He served as a director of the corporation for the first 20 years during its formative period, and ended his career at NANA as president. While at NANA, he directed its involvement in the oilfield service industry, most notably in environmental services and drilling ventures. He also was a guiding force in NANA's development of the Red Dog lead and zinc mine—the world's largest lead and zinc mine. While at NANA he also was a founder of the nonprofit Manillaq Corp., the regional nonprofit corporation that represented the tribes in northwest Alaska and that has been the leader in improving health care and social services for 11 villages in an area nearly the size of the State of West Virginia.

While at NANA, Mr. Hensley also served in the formation of the Alaska Federation of Natives, the umbrella organization that represents the hopes and aspirations of all Native Alaskans, and served as the AFN's executive director, president and cochairman. In 1979, partially for his pioneering work in Native rights, he was named as one of the young leaders of America by

Time Magazine in a cover story "50 Faces for America's Future." He was honored along with then Arkansas Governor and later President Bill Clinton, the Rev. Jesse Jackson, Congressman and later Federal Budget Director David Stockman and Ted Turner.

Ms. MURKOWSKI. I understand that Mr. Hensley has recently completed his first book, a memoir entitled, "50 Miles from tomorrow: A Memoir of Alaska and the Real People," which will be published later this year.

Mr. Hensley, who joined Alyeska Pipeline Corp. years after Alaska's Prince William Sound oil spill, has worked tirelessly for the past decade to guarantee that Alaska's oil has flowed south without serious incident and without environmental damage or harm to the wildlife that is so important to Alaskans' way of life. He has worked tirelessly for the benefit of Alaska and all Alaskans. While he clearly has earned his retirement, Alaskans know that Willie will stay involved in issues that are vital for the economic betterment of his native State. I and I am sure Senator STEVENS can't thank him enough for all of his efforts, his wisdom and wise counsel and his dedication to making Alaska a better place.

Mr. STEVENS. I too wish him well and know that all Members of the Senate join us and all Alaskans in wishing him the very best in all his future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO FAYE MANGER

Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. President, I come to the floor today to celebrate the 85th birthday of a truly extraordinary woman, my Aunt Faye.

Throughout her life, Faye Manger has been committed to philanthropy and community service. She established deep roots in Stamford, CT, where she and her late husband; my Uncle Ben, a successful business entrepreneur, established the B.L. Manger Foundation. The foundation, which Faye has continued since Ben's untimely death in 1995, has supported numerous Jewish charitable, educational, and cultural causes. It has also donated money to advance medical research.

In addition to her work with the foundation, Faye is involved in synagogue and community activities in Stamford. She has received numerous awards and honors for her commitment to charities throughout the United States and Israel. During World War II, Faye served her country in the Women's Army Corps at Fort Monmouth, NJ.

Aside from all of her great works, Faye is a loving mother, grandmother and aunt. Faye's and Ben's humanitarian spirit can be seen in their four children—Joyce, Marc, Renee, and Steven. All four have taken an active role in charitable activities. In fact, on November 28, Faye and her children were honored by the American Committee for Shaare Zedek Medical Center in Je-

rusalem for funding the hospital's pediatric ophthalmology Clinic.

Looking back at all she has already done, it would be understandable why one might expect her to take it easy and relax. But, if I know my Aunt Faye, she has a lot of good works she will still do, and, with God's help, a lot of great times our family will share together.

Thank you, Aunt Faye, for all you have done to make Stamford, and the rest of the world, a better place, and for all you have meant to all of us who are blessed to be your family and friends.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

CELEBRATING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PORT OF STOCKTON

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the 75th anniversary of the Port of Stockton, the second busiest inland port on the west coast.

During the Gold Rush, the city of Stockton was an important seaport because it was the farthest point upriver ships could travel. In the early 20th century, Stockton became a vital hub for farm equipment that transformed the San Joaquin Valley from a primarily wheat-growing region to the Nation's most diverse and productive agricultural region.

When it became apparent that the San Joaquin River was too shallow to accommodate the increasingly large ships that supplied the region's growing demand for farm equipment, the first dredging contracts for the Stockton Deep Water Channel were awarded in 1930. The port of Stockton officially opened in 1933.

Today, the Port of Stockton processes more than 6 million tons of cargo annually. The port trades with more than 55 countries, from Canada to New Zealand, and from Thailand to Trinidad. It supports over 4,500 jobs in the region, accounting for more than \$170 million in annual income.

In recent years, the Port of Stockton has made a commitment to implement a program for environmentally friendly port operations. Through its Delta Environmental Enhancement Program, the port has planted the seeds for sustained, long-term changes that will help protect the air, water, soil, and wildlife that are part of the precious Delta waterways.

The success of the Port of Stockton is made possible by the dedication of scores of hard-working people who work together to make sure that its operations go smoothly. Every person who has lent a helping hand over the years can take great pride in knowing that their support and hard work has resulted in the continued growth and success of the Port of Stockton.

I congratulate the Port of Stockton on its 75th anniversary and wish its

staff and supporters a bright future and continued success.●

TRIBUTE TO ARTHUR PRATT

● Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, today I honor the memory of Arthur Pratt, a friend and distinguished Hoosier who dedicated his life to helping the less fortunate among us. While I am saddened by Arthur passing, I continue to be inspired by his legacy of selfless service.

Among his many remarkable endeavors, Arthur will be remembered by many in the Indianapolis community for the work that he did counseling inmates as they worked to address addiction to alcohol and drugs. The program that Arthur created to facilitate these efforts, Life Effectiveness Training, has worked in the Marion County Jail for more than 35 years and has since expanded to other counties across Indiana.

On July 14, 2001, I joined Arthur at Christ Church Cathedral to celebrate his important leadership of the Life Effectiveness Training program. Joining Arthur were community leaders who had witnessed the success of Arthur's leadership, including members of the religious community and law enforcement and government officials.

It was my great honor to work closely with Arthur to pass the Jail Based Substance Abuse Treatment Act as part of the 21st Century Department of Justice Appropriations Authorization Act in 2002. This legislation makes available additional resources to programs like Life Effectiveness Training as they work with inmates to address their substance abuse issues. Not only has this approach reduced recidivism by up to 64 percent, but it has given countless Hoosiers a new opportunity to turn away from crime and commit themselves to becoming productive, law-abiding members of the community.

While I know that this is a difficult time for Arthur's family and many friends, my thoughts are with his wife Amal and their children and grandchildren as they remember and celebrate his life of service and leadership.●

IN RECOGNITION OF BO PELINI

● Mr. NELSON of Nebraska. Mr. President, with the Senate having reconvened after the recess, I start the new year by rising to recognize Bo Pelini, the new head coach of the University of Nebraska Cornhuskers' football team.

The University of Nebraska at Lincoln, my alma mater, has a proud and distinguished record in National Collegiate Athletic Association, NCAA, football, including 5 National Championships, 3 Heisman Trophies, 8 Outland Trophies, 93 Academic All-Americans, and other impressive records and awards.

Nebraskans statewide are united behind their Cornhuskers and will un-

doubtedly welcome Coach Pelini at Memorial Stadium with an NCAA-record 290th consecutive sellout for his first home game on August 30, 2008. Husker fans' optimism has been renewed with the hiring of Coach Pelini, who we hope will build our program back to its glory days, which were marked not only by athletic success on the field, but also academic success in the classroom.

I joined many of my fellow Cornhusker fans on January 7, 2008, in celebrating the 38-24 victory of Louisiana State University, LSU, over Ohio State University in the Bowl Championship Series National Championship Game. Our partisanship was directed more at LSU's then-defensive coordinator, Bo Pelini, than it was for the team itself. Although Coach Pelini had already been hired as Nebraska's new head coach, he honorably chose to finish his commitment at LSU.

Coach Pelini and the Tigers came through as champions, further encouraging Nebraska fans everywhere that the Big Red can return to national prominence under our new leader. We look forward enthusiastically to the annual Red/White Spring Game and the start of the fall collegiate football season. On behalf of my fellow Huskers, I welcome Coach Bo Pelini with a resounding, "Go Big Red!" or perhaps, even more appropriately, "Bo Big Red!"●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:18 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, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3913. An act to amend the International Center Act to authorize the lease or sublease of certain property described in such Act to an entity other than a foreign government or international organization if certain conditions are met.

H.R. 4140. An act to designate the Port Angeles Federal Building in Port Angeles, Washington, as the "Richard B. Anderson Federal Building".

H.R. 4240. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10799 West Alameda Avenue in Lakewood, Colorado, as the "Felix Sparks Post Office Building".

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

S. 2110. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 427 North Street in Taft, California, as the "Larry S. Pierce Post Office".

At 3:53 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. 5140. An act to provide economic stimulus through recovery rebates to individuals, incentives for business investment, and an increase in conforming and FHA loan limits.

At 4:31 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. 5104. An act to extend the Protect America Act of 2007 for 15 days.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 3913. An act to amend the International Center Act to authorize the lease or sublease of certain property described in such Act to an entity other than a foreign government or international organization if certain conditions are met; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 4240. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10799 West Alameda Avenue in Lakewood, Colorado, as the "Felix Sparks Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 5140. An act to provide economic stimulus through recovery rebates to individuals, incentives for business investment, and an increase in conforming and FHA loan limits.

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-4804. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Annual Category Rating Report for calendar year 2006; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4805. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Research and Development Contract Type Determination" (DFARS Case 2006-D053) received on January 24, 2008; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4806. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Installations and Environment), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the results of a public-private competition at the Fleet Readiness Center; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4807. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the purchases made by the Department from foreign entities; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4808. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to space-available transportation; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4809. 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 "Revisions and Technical Corrections to the Export Administration Regulations and the Defense Priorities and Allocations System Regulation" (RIN0694-AE15) received on January