

Morris County, NJ; Providence, RI; Richmond, VA; Salt Lake City, UT; Savannah, GA; Seattle WA; Spokane, WA; Tampa, FL; Washington, DC; and Winona, MN.

The Chamber of Commerce in each city hosted an interactive business forum to share research on workplace flexibility as an important component of workplace effectiveness. In these same communities, businesses applied for—and the winners that I am about to name were selected for—the Sloan Awards through a process that considered employees' views in addition to employer practices.

In Aurora, CO, the winners are Arapahoe/Douglas Works!, Lee Hecht Harrison, and The Medical Center of Aurora.

In Boise, ID, the winners are American Geotechnics, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwest Idaho, Children's Home Society of Idaho, DJM Sales & Marketing Inc, Group One Real Estate, J-U-B Engineers, KPMG, The Leavitt Group of Boise, Prime Equity Mortgage Group, St. Luke's Regional Medical Center, and TitleOne Corporation.

In Brockton, MA, the winner is Old Colony Elderly Services.

In Chandler, AZ, the winners are A&S Realty Specialists, Abalos & Associates PLLC, AHM Mortgage, Arizona Spine and Joint Hospital, Cachet Homes, Chandler Chamber of Commerce, Chandler Connection, Chandler Unified School District, Clifton Gunderson LLP, Hacienda Builders, Henry & Horne LLP, Intel Corporation, Jewish News of Greater Phoenix, Johnson Bank, MDI, Microchip Technology Inc., Omega Legal Systems Inc., RIESTER, Spark, Technology Providers Inc., Today's Women's Health Specialists, US Airways, and Wist Office Products.

In Chattanooga, TN, the winners are Center for Community Career Education at The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Management Recruiters of Chattanooga, Reading Education for Adult Development (READ) of Chattanooga, and Unum.

In Chicago, IL, the winners are Ernst & Young, First Midwest Bank, KPMG LLP, Lee Hecht Harrison, and Perspectives Ltd.

In Cincinnati, OH, the winners are Barnes Dennig, CSC Consulting Group, Deloitte & Touche, FSCreations, and Physical Therapy Options.

In Dallas, TX, the winners are Accenture, BDO Seidman LLP, The Beck Group, Community Council of Greater Dallas, Deloitte, Direct Energy, Kaye/Bassman International, Lee Hecht Harrison, Nortel Networks, and State Farm Insurance.

In Detroit, MI, the winners are Albert Kahn Associates Inc., Amerisure Mutual Insurance Company, Brogan & Partners Convergence Marketing, Detroit Regional Chamber, Humantech, and Menlo Innovations.

In Durham, NC, the winners are Durham's Partnership for Children, Greenfire Development, Horvath Associates, P.A., and VirtualOfficeAmerica.

In Houston, TX, the winners are Access Sciences Corporation, Binkley & Barfield Inc., Continental Airlines, Deloitte, Direct Energy, El Paso Corporation, Fullbright & Jaworski LLP, Klotz Associates Inc., KPMG LLP, PGAL, PKF Texas, and Simdesk Technologies Inc.

In Long Beach, CA, the winners are KPMG and PeacePartners Inc.

In Long Island, NY, the winners are CMP Technology, Girl Scouts of Nassau County, and KPMG.

In Melbourne-Palm Bay, FL, the winners are Melbourne-Palm Bay Area Chamber of Commerce and Wesche Jewelers.

In Morris County, NJ, the winner is Solix, Inc.

In Providence, RI, the winners are Embolden Design Inc., Family Service of Rhode Island, KPMG, LGC&D P.C., Lighthouse Computer Services, Inc., Rhode Island Housing, and Rhode Island Legal Service, Inc.

In Richmond, VA, the winners are Bon Secours Richmond Health System, Capital One Financial, Chesterfield County Government, and VCU Health System.

In Salt Lake City, UT, the winners are Cooper Roberts, Enterprise Rent-A-Car Company, Intermountain Healthcare, Jones Waldo Holbrook & McDonough P.C., McKinnon-Mulherin Inc., Prince, Perelson & Associates, Redmond Minerals, Inc., and Select Health.

In Savannah, GA, the winners are Lazard Dana LLP and Wachovia.

In Seattle, WA, the winners are Blue Gecko, Cascadia Consulting Group, Child Care Resources, Consejo Counseling and Referral Services, Friends of the Children, Leadership Institute of Seattle, MarketFitz Inc., NRG::Seattle, PACE Staffing, Washington Health Foundation, WithinReach, Worktank, and URS.

In Spokane, WA, the winner is Gonzaga University.

In Tampa, FL, the winners are Argosy University Tampa, CIBERSites, Citigroup, Greenacre Properties Inc., Kerkering, Barberio & Co. P.A., Residential Drywall Inc., Self Reliance, Inc., Success 4 Kids & Families, and TEKsystems.

In Washington, DC, the winners are Capital One Financial, Discovery Communications Inc., and MorganFranklin Corp.

In Winona, MN, the winner is Wells Fargo Bank.

The Sloan Awards are presented by the When Work Works initiative, which is a project of the Families and Work Institute, in partnership with the Institute for a Competitive Workforce, an affiliate of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the Twiga Foundation. The When Work Works initiative is sponsored by the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation.

Building on the success of the first 3 years, the next phase of the When Work Works initiative will extend the number of participating communities

to 30 in 2008 to include: Atlanta, GA; Birmingham, AL; Charleston, SC; Dayton, OH; Lexington, KY; Louisville, KY; and San Francisco, CA. Again, I congratulate the 2007 winners of the Sloan Awards and look forward to the continuing expansion of this worthwhile initiative.●

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message from the President of the United States was communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Neiman, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGE REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate a message from the President of the United States submitting a nomination which was referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration. (The nomination received today is printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:55 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. 5749. An act to provide for a program of emergency unemployment compensation.

H.R. 6003. An act to reauthorize Amtrak, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 5:27 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 1245. An act to reform mutual aid agreements for the National Capital Region.

S. 2516. An act to assist members of the Armed Forces in obtaining United States citizenship, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3179. An act to amend title 40, United States Code, to authorize the use of Federal supply schedules for the acquisition of law enforcement, security, and certain other related items by State and local governments

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. 6124. An act to provide for the continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bill (H.R. 6124) was subsequently signed by the Acting President pro tempore (Mr. TESTER).

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

S. 3118. A bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to preserve beneficiary access to care by preventing a reduction in the Medicare physician fee schedule, to improve the quality of care by advancing value based purchasing, electronic

health records, and electronic prescribing, and to maintain and improve access to care in rural areas, and for other purposes.

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 6003. An act to reauthorize Amtrak, and for other purposes.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 5749. An act to provide for a program of emergency unemployment compensation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

H.R. 3480. To direct the United States Sentencing Commission to assure appropriate punishment enhancements for those involved in receiving stolen property where that property consists of grave markers of veterans, and for other purposes.

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 576. A resolution designating August 2008 as "Digital Television Transition Awareness Month".

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Helene N. White, of Michigan, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit.

Raymond M. Kethledge, of Michigan, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit.

Stephen Joseph Murphy III, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

(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 Ms. COLLINS:

S. 3119. A bill to stimulate the economy by encouraging energy efficiency, infrastructure and workforce investment, and homeownership retention, and by amending the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide certain business tax relief and incentives, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 3120. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the income limitations for qualified performing artists eligible for an above-the-line deduction for performance expenses; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. NELSON of Nebraska (for himself, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. BAYH, and Mr. LUGAR):

S. 3121. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow the Secretary of the Treasury to waive the penalties for failure to disclose reportable transactions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 3122. A bill to amend the Commodity Exchange Act to provide for the regulation of oil commodities markets, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mrs. McCASKILL, and Mr. OBAMA):

S. 3123. A bill to require lobbyists who represent foreign politicians or political parties and foreign entities to register under Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 3124. A bill to require the Secretary of Labor to establish a program to provide for workforce training and education, at community colleges, in the fields of renewable energy and efficiency, green technology, and sustainable environmental practices; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BAUCUS:

S. 3125. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. COLEMAN:

S. 3126. A bill to provide for the development of certain traditional and alternative energy resources, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BURR (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 3127. A bill to reauthorize the Select Agent Program by amending the Public Health Service Act and the Agricultural Bioterrorism Protection Act of 2002 and to improve oversight of high containment laboratories; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KYL:

S. 3128. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to provide a loan to the White Mountain Apache Tribe for use in planning, engineering, and designing a certain water system project; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. DORGAN, and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 3129. A bill to amend the Commodity Exchange Act to prevent price manipulation and excessive speculation and to increase transparency with respect to energy trading on foreign exchanges conducted within the United States; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. DORGAN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. OBAMA, and Mr. REED):

S. 3130. A bill to provide energy price relief by authorizing greater resources and authority for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. STEVENS):

S. 3131. A bill to amend the Commodity Exchange Act to ensure the application of speculation limits to speculators in energy markets, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. BAUCUS:

S. 3132. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit for the

capture and sequestration of carbon dioxide from an industrial source; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 3133. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish an annual production incentive fee with respect to Federal onshore and offshore land that is subject to a lease for production of oil or natural gas under which production is not occurring, to authorize use of the fee for energy efficiency and renewable energy projects, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida:

S. 3134. A bill to amend the Commodity Exchange Act to require energy commodities to be traded only on regulated markets, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida:

S. 3135. A bill to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to provide for the establishment of a production incentive fee for nonproducing leases; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. VITTER:

S.J. Res. 40. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing the Congress and the States to prohibit the act of desecration of the flag of the United States and to set criminal penalties for that act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. McCAIN, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BURR, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. COLEMAN, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. SMITH, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mr. BROWN):

S.J. Res. 41. A joint resolution approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. CORKER, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mr. WICKER):

S. Res. 592. A resolution commending the Tennessee Valley Authority on its 75th anniversary; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. LEVIN (for himself and Ms. STABENOW):

S. Res. 593. A resolution honoring the Detroit Red Wings on winning the 2008 National Hockey League Stanley Cup Championship; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BROWN:

S. Res. 594. A resolution designating September 2008 as "Tay-Sachs Awareness Month"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MARTINEZ (for himself, Mr. BURR, Mr. WICKER, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. BAYH, and Mr. PRYOR):

S. Con. Res. 90. A concurrent resolution honoring the members of the United States Air Force who were killed in the June 25, 1996, terrorist bombing of the Khobar Towers United States military housing compound near Dhahran, Saudi Arabia; to the Committee on Armed Services.