

Colonel Fortunato over the past 3 years, during which time he served as the congressional liaison for all Army aviation programs. In this capacity, Lieutenant Colonel Fortunato was instrumental in improving the understanding of Senators and staff concerning a myriad of Army aviation issues, in particular the reinvestment of Comanche helicopter funding to restructure Army aviation for the 21st century, the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and Army transformation. He was instrumental in the successful authorization and appropriation of the light utility helicopter, armed-reconnaissance helicopter, joint cargo aircraft, Chinook multiyear, Apache, Black Hawk multiyear and numerous unmanned aerial vehicle and aviation R&D projects.

Lieutenant Colonel Fortunato escorted numerous congressional delegations to over 20 countries, including 3 to Iraq and Afghanistan. I myself was privileged to have him as an escort at my specific request for my own visits abroad and in larger delegations. He worked tirelessly to ensure my visits were coordinated with all the relevant agencies, military leaders, heads of state and government officials so I could focus on the issues that were critical to my service as the chairman of the Senate Armed Services Air Land Subcommittee. I am extremely grateful for the support, friendship and perspective Ed provided me and my staff.

Lieutenant Colonel Fortunato's congressional assignment was the capstone to an outstanding career of service to our Nation. He served as an aviation officer in numerous command and staff positions. His operational assignments began in the famous 101st Airborne Division, AASLT, during Operations Desert Shield/Desert Storm with further assignments as part of JTF-Bravo in Honduras, 2nd Infantry Division in Korea and the 25th Infantry Division, I, in Hawaii. Lieutenant Colonel Fortunato then served in a number of program and acquisition positions to include program manager for the Army Special Operations Aviation Regiment MH-60 Black Hawk fleet and various high level assignments within the Army Secretariat.

Lieutenant Colonel Fortunato holds an MBA from George Washington University and a bachelor's of science in business and marketing from George Mason University. His military awards include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal, Parachutist Badge, Pathfinder Badge, Air Assault Badge, the Army Aviation Association's Order of St. Michael, and he is a Senior Army Aviator with over 1,100 hours.

Son of a soldier, Lieutenant Colonel Fortunato is married to the former Monique Childress of Roanoke, VA. They have two children, Isabella, 13, and Edward, 11. I congratulate them on their husband and father's retirement from the Army. The demands of military life are such that military fami-

lies also sacrifice and serve the Nation along with their soldier, and I thank Monique, Isabella and Ed for their service.

The Army, the Senate, and the Nation are fortunate to have had the service of such a great officer as LTC Ed Fortunato. I wish him Godspeed.●

#### TRIBUTE TO DR. AMAR BOSE

● Mr. KERRY. Madam President, in May, Dr. Amar Bose was inducted in the National Inventors Hall of Fame. I would like to take this opportunity to recognize his outstanding accomplishments that have helped change our society and improve the way we live every day.

A pioneer in modern acoustics, Dr. Bose is founder, chairman and technical director of the internationally-recognized audio company that bears his name, Bose Corporation.

Raised just outside Philadelphia, Dr. Bose began his career at the age of 13, repairing radios in his basement during WWII.

His passion for technology continued at MIT, where he earned bachelor, masters and doctoral degrees in electrical engineering. In 1956, Dr. Bose was asked to join the faculty at MIT, where he taught for 45 years.

His research at MIT led to the development of new, patented technologies. With those patents, he founded Bose Corporation in Massachusetts in 1964. He has achieved worldwide acclaim with the introduction of groundbreaking products, including the 901® Direct/Reflecting speaker system, customized sound systems for automobiles, and active noise-reducing headphones. Under his leadership, 100 percent of profits are reinvested back into the company, enabling research and advancements in non-audio areas.

In 2004, after 25 years of research, he introduced a revolutionary suspension system that combines superior comfort and control in the same vehicle.

Dr. Bose has done extensive work for the Armed Forces and NASA. He was named Inventor of the Year in 1987, by the Intellectual Property Owners Association and holds numerous patents in the fields of acoustics, electronics, nonlinear systems, and communication theory.

He is a member of the Audio Hall of Fame, the recipient of a Distinguished Service Citation from the Automotive Hall of Fame, and has been inducted in the Consumer Electronics Hall of Fame. He is an elected member of the National Academy of Engineering and of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Congratulations Dr. Bose on being inducted into the National Inventors Hall of Fame and for your outstanding work at the Bose Corporation.●

#### 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 nominations which were referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE DURING ADJOURNMENT

#### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 4, 2007, the Secretary of the Senate, on June 23, 2008, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representative, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announcing that the Speaker had signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 634. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of veterans who became disabled for life while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States.

H.R. 814. An act to require the Consumer Product Safety Commission to issue regulations mandating child-resistant closures on all portable gasoline containers.

H.R. 5778. An act to preserve the independence of the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority.

S. 188. An act to revise the short title of the Fannie Lou Hamer, Rosa Parks, and Coretta Scott King Voting Rights Act Reauthorization and Amendments Act of 2006.

S. 254. An act to award posthumously a Congressional gold medal to Constantino Brumidi.

S. 682. An act to award a congressional gold medal to Edward William Brooke III in recognition of his unprecedented and enduring service to our Nation.

S. 1692. An act to grant a Federal charter to Korean War Veterans Association, Incorporated.

S. 2146. An act to authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to accept, as part of a settlement, diesel emission reduction Supplemental Environmental Projects, and for other purposes.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 4:10 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that pursuant to section 841 (b) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Public Law 110-181), and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Speaker and the Majority Leader of the Senate jointly appoint to the Commission on Wartime Contracting: Mr. Michael J. Thibault of Reston, Virginia, cochairman. Further, pursuant to the aforesaid authority, the Speaker appoints the following member on the part of the House of Representatives to the

Commission on Wartime Contracting: Mr. Clark Kent Ervin of Washington, DC.

### 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-6703. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of General William R. Looney III, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6704. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of General Robert Magnus, United States Marine Corps, and his advancement to the grade of general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6705. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Assistant Secretary (Research, Development and Acquisition), Department of the Navy, transmitting, pursuant to law, notification that the Navy proposes to donate the submarine ex-DOL-PHIN (AGSS 555) to the Maritime Museum of San Diego; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6706. A communication from the Acting Fiscal Assistant Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of two modifications made in 2008 to the auction process; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6707. A communication from the Acting Fiscal Assistant Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the auctions held by the Department during the period of January 1, 2007, through December 31, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6708. A communication from the Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Affiliate Marketing Rule" (RIN3084-AA94) received on June 19, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6709. A communication from the Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Definitions and Implementation Under the Controlling the Assault of Non-Solicited Pornography and Marketing Act of 2003: Final Rule and Statement of Basis and Purpose" (RIN3084-AA96) received on June 19, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6710. 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 "Supplemental Wages" (Revenue Ruling 2008-29) received on June 19, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6711. A communication from the Chief, Border Security Regulations Branch, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Technical Amendments to List of User Fee Airports: Additions of Capital City Airport, Lansing, Michigan and Kelly Field Annex, San Antonio, Texas" (CBP Dec. 08-23) received on June 19, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6712. A communication from the President, National Center for Policy Analysis, transmitting its 2008 First Quarter Report; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6713. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs,

Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, notification of the proposed removal from the United States Munitions List of tires originally designed for use on Heavy Mobility Tactical Wheeled Vehicles; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6714. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, notification of the proposed removal from the United States Munitions List of tires originally designed for use on M977 Heavy Expanded Mobility Tactical Truck; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6715. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, notification of the proposed removal from the United States Munitions List of tires primarily used on military heavy trucks, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6716. A communication from the Deputy Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Presidential Library Facilities" (RIN3095-AB16) received on June 19, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6717. A communication from the Office of General Counsel and Legal Policy, Office of Government Ethics, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Post-Employment Conflict of Interest Restrictions" (RIN3209-AA14) received on June 19, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. INOUE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 802. To amend the Act to Prevent Pollution from Ships to implement MARPOL Annex VI (Rept. No. 110-394).

By Mr. INOUE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, without amendment:

H.R. 3985. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Transportation to register a person providing transportation by an over-the-road bus as a motor carrier of passengers only if the person is willing and able to comply with certain accessibility requirements in addition to other existing requirements, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-395).

By Mr. BYRD, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S. 3181. An original bill making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-396).

By Ms. MIKULSKI, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S. 3182. An original bill making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, science, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-397).

By Mrs. BOXER, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment:

S. 2766. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to address certain discharges incidental to the normal operation of a recreational vessel (Rept. No. 110-398).

### 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. REID (for Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 3176. A bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to authorize the President to provide mental health and substance abuse services; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. SMITH, and Mr. DURBIN)):

S. 3177. A bill to develop a policy to address the critical needs of Iraqi refugees; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BURR:

S. 3178. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize dental insurance for veterans and survivors and dependents of veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. DOMENICI):

S. 3179. A bill to authorize the conveyance of certain public land in the State of New Mexico owned or leased by the Department of Energy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 3180. A bill to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965; considered and passed.

By Mr. BYRD:

S. 3181. An original bill making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations; placed on the calendar.

By Ms. MIKULSKI:

S. 3182. An original bill making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, science, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations; placed on the calendar.

### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 667

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 667, a bill to expand programs of early childhood home visitation that increase school readiness, child abuse and neglect prevention, and early identification of developmental and health delays, including potential mental health concerns, and for other purposes.

S. 1003

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1003, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to emergency medical services and the quality and efficiency of care furnished in emergency departments of hospitals and critical access hospitals by establishing a bipartisan commission to examine factors that affect the effective delivery of such services, by providing for additional payments for certain physician services furnished in such emergency departments, and by establishing a Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Working Group, and for other purposes.

S. 1103

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Vermont