

sectors. For the outdoor enthusiasts, Ipswich offers an abundance of local hunting and fishing.

The people of Ipswich celebrated their Trail Days on the weekend of June 13–15, 2008, with an all-school reunion, a parade, a pie-baking contest, a demolition derby and a street dance. South Dakota's small communities are the bedrock of our economy and vital to the future of our state. It is especially because of our small communities, and the feelings of loyalty and familiarity that they engender, that I am proud to call South Dakota home. Towns like Ipswich and its citizens are no different and truly know what it means to be South Dakotan. One hundred and twenty five years after its founding, Ipswich remains a vital community and a great asset to the wonderful state of South Dakota. I am proud to honor Ipswich on this historic milestone.●

HONORING ARROWS RESTAURANT

● Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, today I honor Arrows Restaurant of Ogunquit, ME, on the occasion of its 20th anniversary and to recognize the tremendous talent and innovative environmental stewardship of its owners, award-winning chefs Mark Gaier and Clark Frasier.

Quite simply, Arrows is one of America's great restaurants. It has received recognition from national publications such as *Gourmet* magazine, which ranked it 14th on its list of "America's Top 50 Restaurants in 2006," and *Bon Appétit*, which named Arrows "one of the country's 10 most romantic restaurants."

Arrows has also received some of the highest and most consistent ratings in the annual Zagat survey. In addition, Mr. Gaier and Mr. Frasier were nominated as Best Chefs in the Northeast by the James Beard Foundation, a national organization whose annual awards have been deemed the "Oscars of the food world" by *Time* magazine.

Arrows has further distinguished itself by its extraordinary garden, which offers more than 300 varieties of herbs, flowers, fruits, and vegetables. It provides Mr. Gaier and Mr. Frasier with the source of most of the ingredients for their menu and serves as a wonderful illustration of how sensitive environmental stewardship and entrepreneurial spirit can go hand-in-hand. It should come as no surprise that Arrows has been featured on television programs such as PBS's "Victory Garden," and NBC's "Today Show."

Like the restaurant, the garden has received tremendous acclaim in the press. *Bon Appétit* noted that "[Arrows] helped pioneer the idea of growing your own food and paying attention to what's seasonal in a place that is unforgiving in its climate." Earlier this year, the *Daily Green*—a Web site that reports on the environmental concerns of everyday Americans—praised Mr. Gaier and Mr. Frasier as " . . .

stalwart forerunners of the sustainable movement."

As ranking member of the U.S. Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, I am eminently proud of all of Maine's small firms, and am particularly impressed by Mr. Gaier's and Mr. Frasier's dedication to making Arrows the premier dining establishment that it has become. These two restaurateurs have helped transform American cuisine, and have brought the world to Maine—as well as Maine to the world. They are truly deserving of our admiration and praise, and I wish them well in all that they do.●

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 and a withdrawal which were referred to the appropriate committees.

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

REPORT ON THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY THAT WAS ORIGINALLY DECLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 13219 OF JUNE 26, 2001, WITH RESPECT TO THE WESTERN BALKANS—PM 54

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent the enclosed notice to the *Federal Register* for publication stating that the Western Balkans emergency is to continue in effect beyond June 26, 2008.

The crisis constituted by the actions of persons engaged in, or assisting, sponsoring, or supporting (i) extremist violence in the Republic of Macedonia and elsewhere in the Western Balkans region, or (ii) acts obstructing implementation of the Dayton Accords in Bosnia or United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 of June 10, 1999,

in Kosovo, that led to the declaration of a national emergency on June 26, 2001, in Executive Order 13219 and to Executive Order 13304 of May 28, 2003, has not been resolved. The acts of extremist violence and obstructionist activity outlined in Executive Order 13219, as amended, are hostile to U.S. interests and pose a continuing unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. For these reasons, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared with respect to the Western Balkans and maintain in force the comprehensive sanctions to respond to this threat.

GEORGE W. BUSH.
THE WHITE HOUSE, June 24, 2008.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:30 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3403) to promote and enhance public safety by facilitating the rapid deployment of IP-enabled 911 and E911 services, encourage the Nation's transition to a national IP-enabled emergency network, and improve 911 and E-911 access to those with disabilities.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The message also announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 3403. An act to promote and enhance public safety by facilitating the rapid deployment of IP-enabled 911 and E-911 services, encourage the Nation's transition to a national IP-enabled emergency network, and improve 911 and E-911 access to those with disabilities.

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

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD) announced that on today, June 24, 2008, he had signed the following enrolled bills, previously signed by the Speaker of the House:

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.

At 3:25 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. 2452. An act to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to ensure that publicly owned treatment works monitor for and report sewer overflows, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4044. An act to amend title 11 of the United States Code to exempt for a limited period, from the application of the means-test presumption of abuse under chapter 7, qualifying members of reserve components of the Armed Forces and members of the National Guard who, after September 11, 2001, are called to active duty or to perform a homeland defense activity for not less than 90 days.

H.R. 5001. An act to authorize the Administrator of General Services to provide for the redevelopment of the Old Post Office Building located in the District of Columbia.

H.R. 6040. An act to amend the Water Resources Development Act of 2007 to clarify the authority of the Secretary of the Army to provide reimbursement for travel expenses incurred by members of the Committee on Levee Safety.

H.R. 6109. An act to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to reauthorize the pre-disaster hazard mitigation program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6331. An act to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to extend expiring provisions under the Medicare Program, to improve beneficiary access to preventive and mental health services, to enhance low-income benefit programs, and to maintain access to care in rural areas, including pharmacy access, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6344. An act to provide emergency authority to delay or toll judicial proceedings in United States district and circuit courts, and for other purposes.

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

H. Con. Res. 2. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that children in the United States should understand and appreciate the contributions of individuals from the territories of the United States and the contributions of such individuals in United States history.

H. Con. Res. 372. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Black Music Month and to honor the outstanding contributions that African-American singers and musicians have made to the United States.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 4(a) of the Commission on the Abolition of the Transatlantic Slave Trade (Public Law 110-183), and the order of the House of Jan-

uary 4, 2007, the Speaker appoints the following members on the part of the House of Representatives to the Commission on the Abolition of the Transatlantic Slave Trade:

Mr. DONALD PAYNE of Newark, New Jersey.

Mr. Howard Dodson of New York, New York.

Ms. Evelyn Brooks Higginbotham of Cambridge, Massachusetts.

At 6:21 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. 6327. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, and for other purposes.

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

H. Con. Res. 379. Concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 4044. An act to amend title 11 of the United States Code to exempt for a limited period, from the application of the means-test presumption of abuse under Chapter 7, qualifying members of reserve components of the Armed Forces and members of the National Guard who, after September 11, 2001, are called to active duty or to perform a homeland defense activity for not less than 90 days; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 5001. An act to authorize the Administrator of General Services to provide for the redevelopment of the Old Post Office Building located in the District of Columbia; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 6109. An act to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to reauthorize the pre-disaster hazard mitigation program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 6344. An act to provide emergency authority to delay or toll judicial proceedings in United States district and circuit courts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

H. Con. Res. 2. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that children in the United States should understand and appreciate the contributions of individuals from the territories of the United States and the contributions of such individuals in United States history; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H. Con. Res. 372. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Black Music Month and to honor the outstanding contributions that African American singers and musicians have made to the United States; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

MEASURES DISCHARGED

The following measure was discharged from the Committee on Home-

land Security and Governmental Affairs by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

S. 3145. A bill to designate a portion of United States Route 20A, located in Orchard Park, New York, as the "Timothy J. Russert Highway"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

H.R. 6331. An act to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to extend expiring provisions under the Medicare Program, to improve beneficiary access to preventive and mental health services, to enhance low-income benefit programs, and to maintain access to care in rural areas, including pharmacy access, and for other purposes.

S. 3186. A bill to provide funding for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program.

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, June 24, 2008, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

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.

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-6718. A communication from the Director, Naval Reactors, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program's latest reports on environmental monitoring and ideological waste disposal, worker radiation exposure, and occupational safety and health; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6719. A communication from the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bank's management reports and statements on system of internal controls for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6720. A communication from the Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, notification of the fact that the cost of response and recovery efforts for FEMA-3285-EM in