

services rendered to the United States by the mothers of America have strengthened and inspired our Nation throughout history, and we honor the Gold Star Mothers of America for their courage and their strength.●

RECOGNIZING AUBURN MANUFACTURING, INCORPORATED

● Ms. SNOWE, Mr. President, today I celebrate the vital work that a small business in my home State of Maine is doing to provide extreme temperature textiles to dozens of industries worldwide. Auburn Manufacturing, Incorporated—or AMI—of Mechanic Falls is a veritable leader in its field, and has been designing and manufacturing advanced industrial textiles since its inception in 1979.

Auburn Manufacturing's name is synonymous with quality and dependability because of its longstanding dedication to providing customers with products made using the most cutting-edge technologies. AMI develops and manufactures top-of-the-line products for welding protection, gasketing and sealing, and pipe and hose covering, as well as safety apparel like gloves and clothing. And the company's 48 employees make all of its products at the company's central Maine facility.

One of AMI's major new products is the Ever Green Cut 'n Wrap insulated cover. Designed for companies seeking to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and heat loss while saving on energy costs, the custom-fit insulation blankets fit flexibly over valves and piping and reduce room temperatures for workers in extreme conditions. In fact, the Ever Green Cut 'n Wrap kits can reduce heat loss by over 85 percent, and they have a payback of less than 1 year. Last month, AMI received a seed grant from the Maine Technology Institute to help the company commercialize this forward-thinking, environmentally friendly product.

Additionally, earlier this year Auburn Manufacturing announced that it had received dual contracts to provide the U.S. Navy with the company's remarkable AMI-SIL fabrics that are used for hot work protection during the repair of naval ships. The Navy has certainly demonstrated its approval of this impressive product, having awarded AMI five contracts over the past 15 years to supply it with more than 1.25 million yards of fabric.

Another quality that makes AMI special is its status as a Women's Business Enterprise, a certification made by the highly regarded Women's Business Enterprise National Council. Additionally, AMI owner Kathie Leonard was recently named one of Mainebiz's 2009 Women to Watch. In my estimation, Kathie Leonard has been a woman to watch throughout her entire career. She founded AMI in 1979—at the age of 27—when she realized the vast potential of new heat-resistant fabrics which were developed to replace asbestos. Over the company's 30-year history,

Ms. Leonard has been a part of several major professional organizations both national and local, including the National Insulation Association and the Lewiston-Auburn Economic Growth Council, which she previously chaired. She readily admits that these connections have helped her company grow into the giant it is today.

The quality of AMI's numerous products afford its clients a sense of confidence that has solidified the company's status as a premier developer and manufacturer of extreme textiles nationwide. I congratulate Kathie Leonard and everyone at Auburn Manufacturing for the incredible work they do, and I wish them much success in the future.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:25 a.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. 1593. An act to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of Illabot Creek in Skagit County, Washington, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic River System.

H.R. 2877. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 76 Brookside Avenue in Chester, New York, as the "1st Lieutenant Louis Allen Post Office".

H.R. 3433. An act to amend the North American Wetlands Conservation Act to establish requirements regarding payment of the non-Federal share of the costs of wetlands conservation projects in Canada that are funded under that Act, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3476. An act to reauthorize the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Citizen Advisory Commission.

H.R. 3537. An act to amend and reauthorize the Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program Act of 1994.

H.R. 3606. An act to amend the Truth in Lending Act to make a technical correction to an amendment made by the Credit CARD Act of 2009.

H.R. 3689. An act to provide for an extension of the legislative authority of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Inc. to establish a Vietnam Veterans Memorial visitor center, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 214(a) of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (42 U.S.C. 15344), the Speaker appoints from private life Ms. Lillie Coney of Washington, DC, as a member of the Election Assistance Commission of Advisors on the part of the House.

At 3:02 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. 621. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of the establishment of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 6:08 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by

Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 1717. An act to authorize major medical facility leases for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2010, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1016. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide advance appropriations authority for certain accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2997. An act making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 965. An act to amend the Chesapeake Bay Initiative Act of 1998 to provide for the continuing authorization of the Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 1593. An act to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of Illabot Creek in Skagit County, Washington, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 2877. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 76 Brookside Avenue in Chester, New York, as the "1st Lieutenant Louis Allen Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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H.R. 3689. An act to provide for an extension of the legislative authority of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Inc. to establish a Vietnam Veterans Memorial visitor center, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

S. 1776. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the update under the Medicare physician fee schedule for years beginning with 2010 and to sunset the application of the sustainable growth rate formula, 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-3335. A communication from the Commission on Wartime Contracting in Iraq and Afghanistan, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Lowest-Priced Security Not Good Enough for War-Zone Embassies"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3336. A communication from the Secretary, Division of Investment Management, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reference to Ratings of Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organizations" (RIN3235-AK17; RIN3235-AK19) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 6, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3337. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Encryption Simplification Rule" (RIN0694-AE18) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 9, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3338. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the situation in or in relation to the Democratic Republic of the Congo that was declared in Executive Order 13413 of October 27, 2006; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3339. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency declared in Executive Order 12978 with respect to significant narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3340. A communication from the Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Office of Management and Budget's request for the Board's views on H.R. 3619, the "Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2010"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3341. A joint communication from the Acting Deputy Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "A National Plan for Migrating to IP-Enabled 9-1-1 Systems"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3342. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interim Final Rules Prohibiting Discrimination Based on Genetic Information in Health Insurance Coverage and Group Health Plans" (RIN0938-AP37) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 7, 2009; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3343. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Claims for Compensation; Death Gratuity Under the Federal Employees' Compensation Act" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 7, 2009; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3344. A communication from the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual performance evaluation report relative to mammography accredita-

tion; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3345. A joint communication from the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Thefts, Losses, or Releases of Select Agents or Toxins for calendar year 2008; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3346. A communication from the Secretary to the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Board's Strategic Plan for 2009-2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3347. A communication from the Chief of the Border Security Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Technical Correction to Remove Obsolete Compliance Date Provisions from Electronic Cargo Information Regulations" (CPB Dec. 09-39) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 6, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3348. A communication from the Acting Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Administration's Fiscal Year 2009 Commercial Activities Inventory and Inherently Governmental Inventory; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3349. A communication from the Auditor of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Auditor's Certification Review of the Accuracy of Initiatives and Key Performance Indicators Set Forth in the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs' Fiscal Year 2008 Performance Accountability Report"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3350. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of the Happy Canyon of Santa Barbara Viticultural Area (2007R-311P)" (RIN1513-AB52) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 9, 2009; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3351. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary and Acting Director, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes to Practice for Continued Examination Filings, Patent Applications Containing Patentably Indistinct Claims, and Examination of Claims in Patent Applications" (RIN0651-AC36) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 13, 2009; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3352. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Azoxytobrin; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 8794-4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 13, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3353. A communication from the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Highlights of the Diesel Emissions Reduction Program"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3354. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation,

Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Quality Designations for the 2006 24-Hour Fine Particle (PM_{2.5}) National Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 8969-2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 13, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3355. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the Arizona State Implementation Plan, Maricopa County Air Quality Department" (FRL No. 8947-2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 14, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3356. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Inert Ingredients; Extension of Effective Date of Revocation of Certain Tolerance Exemptions with Insufficient Data for Reassessment" (FRL No. 8794-1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 14, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3357. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Ohio Administrative Code Rule 3745-21-17 Portable Fuel Containers" (FRL No. 8958-1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 14, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3358. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Indiana; Carbon Monoxide Maintenance Plan Updates; Limited Maintenance Plan" (FRL No. 8968-1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 14, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3359. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Primary Drinking Water Regulations: Drinking Water Regulations for Aircraft Public Water Systems" (FRL No. 8967-9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 14, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3360. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, a Uniform Resource Locator (URL) for a document entitled "Interim Policy on Managing the Duration of Remedial Design/Remedial Action Negotiations" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 14, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3361. A communication from the Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulations, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Criminal Penalties; Unauthorized Introduction of Weapons" (RIN3150-AI31) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 13, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3362. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs,

Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the manufacture of significant military equipment abroad in the amount of \$85,000,000 to Japan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3363. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the export of defense articles, including, technical data, and defense services relative to the Proton launch of the QuetzSat-1 Commercial Communication Satellite in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more to Belgium, Germany, Kazakhstan, Luxembourg, Mexico, The Netherlands, Russia, Spain, United Kingdom and Sweden; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3364. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the export of defense articles, including, technical data, and defense services relative to the manufacture of X200-Series transmissions in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more to the Republic of Korea; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3365. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the manufacture of significant military equipment abroad in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more to Turkey and Australia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3366. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed technical assistance agreement to include the export of technical data, defense services and defense articles in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more to Canada, Russia, and Kazakhstan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3367. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Economic Development Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the Trade Adjustment Assistance for Firms Program Regulations and Implementation Regulations for the Community Trade Adjustment Assistance Program" (RIN0610-AA65) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 13, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3368. 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 "Tier 1 Issue—Industry Director Directive on Section 936 Exit Strategies #4" (LMSB-4-1009-039) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 13, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3369. 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 "Credit for Carbon Dioxide Sequestration under Section 45Q" (Notice No. 2009-83) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 13, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3370. 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 "Measurement of Assets and Liabilities and Benefit Restrictions for Underfunded Pension Plans" (TD

9467) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 13, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LIEBERMAN, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with amendments:

S. 507. A bill to provide for retirement equity for Federal employees in nonforeign areas outside the 48 contiguous States and the District of Columbia, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 111-88).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. BINGAMAN for the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

*Marcia K. McNutt, of California, to be Director of the United States Geological Survey.

*Arun Majumdar, of California, to be Director of the Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy, Department of Energy.

*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.

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 Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Mr. VITTER):

S. 1778. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to generic drugs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BAYH (for himself, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. BYRD, Mr. SPENCER, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 1779. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide health care to veterans exposed in the line of duty to occupational and environmental health chemical hazards, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself, Mrs. HUTCHISON, and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 1780. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to deem certain service in the reserve components as active service for purposes of laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 1781. A bill to provide for a demonstration program to reduce frequent use of health services by Medicaid beneficiaries with chronic illnesses by providing coordinated care management and community support services; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. SESSIONS):

S. 1782. A bill to provide improvements for the operations of the Federal courts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Mr. FEINGOLD, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 1783. A bill to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to provide for country of origin labeling for dairy products; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. ENSIGN:

S. 1784. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that State approving agencies provide timely responses to applications for approval of courses of education and provide justifications for disapproval of courses, to provide for the review of the disapproval of courses by State approving agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. ENSIGN:

S. 1785. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require State approving agencies to approve courses of education that have been accredited and approved by a nationally recognized accrediting agency or association, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. LEAHY:

S. 1786. A bill to extend the temporary suspension of duty on certain ski boots, cross country ski footwear, and snowboard boots; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BINGAMAN:

S. 1787. A bill to reauthorize the Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 211

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 211, a bill to facilitate nationwide availability of 2-1-1 telephone service for information and referral on human services and volunteer services, and for other purposes.

S. 229

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 229, a bill to empower women in Afghanistan, and for other purposes.

S. 292

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 292, a bill to repeal the imposition of withholding on certain payments made to vendors by government entities.

S. 451

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) and the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) were added as cosponsors of S. 451, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of the establishment of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America.

S. 455

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. HAGAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 455, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition of 5 United States Army Five-Star Generals, George Marshall, Douglas MacArthur, Dwight Eisenhower, Henry "Hap" Arnold, and