

Throughout my career, I have strongly supported initiatives to advance diabetes research, prevention, and education efforts. I commend the work conducted at the National Institutes of Health, the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to explore cures and treatments for type 1 and type 2 diabetes and prevent the development of type 2 diabetes.

Americans diagnosed with diabetes, whether insured or not, often face significant barriers in receiving timely, affordable treatment in our current health care system. Congress is currently considering comprehensive reform of our Nation's health care system. This is a historic opportunity to improve access to quality, affordable health care for all Americans and better manage the treatment of chronic diseases. Given the cost of diabetes to our citizens' health and personal finances and to our national economy, we must also continue to push to increase funding for diabetes research and prevention programs. American Diabetes Month provides an opportunity to learn more about the causes and health risks of diabetes and recognize its impact on our Nation and our families.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

REMEMBERING SERGEANT WINFIELD THOMPSON SR.

• Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I wish today to recognize the life of SGT Winfield Thompson Sr., an honored member of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate. When this war hero and South Dakota native passed away November 6, 2009, our State lost a respected tribal member and a wonderful citizen who served as an inspiration to us all.

After entering the U.S. Army in April 1941, SGT Winfield Thompson Sr. was captured by Japanese forces in the Philippines on April 9, 1942. He was forced to march 90 miles over rough terrain with little food and water along with thousands of captured soldiers in what is today known as the Bataan Death March. After his capture, Sergeant Thompson was held at various prison camps and suffered horrible conditions until he was finally liberated in September 1945. Upon his rescue, he stood at attention, saluted, and said, "Sergeant Thompson reporting to duty, Sir." During Sergeant Thompson's extraordinary military career, he was awarded the Prisoner of War Medal, American Defense Service ribbon with Bronze Star, Victory Medal, Asiatic Pacific Theater Ribbon with three bronze battle stars, Philippine Defense Ribbon, eight Overseas Service Bars, one Service Stripe and the Good Conduct Medal.

After his honorable discharge from the U.S. Army in May 1946, Sergeant Thompson returned home and married

Virginia Redday. Winfield and Virginia were blessed with 7 children, 16 grandchildren, and 29 great-grandchildren. Winfield was preceded in death by his wife.

SGT Winfield Thompson Sr. embodied South Dakota values with his unwavering devotion to family and country, and I extend my deepest sympathies to his family on the loss of this great man. •

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM J. ROGERS

• Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, I wish today to extol the enormous legacy of selfless service, contribution, and, above all, patriotism of an extraordinary Mainer and American, William J. Rogers, and to recognize with the highest esteem the American Legion Post in Auburn, ME, founded by Bill and his fellow veterans, which will be appropriately named the "William J. Rogers American Legion Post 153" in his honor on November 29, 2009. This fitting accolade pays tribute to an individual who devoted his life to serving and defending our country, as well as tirelessly advocating for those who placed their lives in harm's way on our behalf—our courageous veterans.

Bill was one of the great sons of my hometown of Auburn, ME, where my roots run deep. In fact, on a personal note, I am proud to say we both graduated from the same high school, Edward Little. As fate would have it, years later, I enjoyed the pleasure of having Bill and his lovely wife, Connie, as wonderful neighbors of mine on Nottingham Road.

As a young man, Bill answered his country's call to serve during World War II and joined the U.S. Navy, training to be a pilot at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill along with Boston Red Sox legends, Ted Williams and Johnny Pesky Bill's roommate. As a naval aviator, Bill fought heroically and was awarded the Air Medal and Presidential Unit Citation for his wartime service, having deployed to fight in the Pacific, where he valiantly flew F6F Hellcats and Lockheed Venturas.

While Bill departed from active military service in 1946, his commitment to veterans and a lifetime of advocacy on their behalf was just beginning. Bill was a founding member of American Legion Post 153 in Auburn, where he held several offices at both the local and State levels including adjutant, vice commander, and department commander. On the national level, Bill became Maine's national executive committeeman, a member of the liaison committee to the National Public Relations Commission, and from 1965 to 1966 national vice commander. In 1976, Bill received the tremendous distinction of being elected national commander of the American Legion, the first national commander from the State of Maine—and we could not have been more proud.

Traveling more than 300,000 miles throughout the world in all 50 States

and 17 countries, Bill was the voice of Legionnaires and veterans, meeting with leaders such as President Ford and President Carter. Maine and our Nation could not have had a better champion for the American Legion and our brave and noble veterans than Bill Rogers.

Throughout his life, in word and deed, Bill placed service above self and country above self-interest. He held sacred our country's obligation to stand by those who have stood by us, and I cannot imagine a more perfect testament to this outstanding Mainer and American who placed such a high premium on contributing to our Nation than to name Auburn's American Legion Post after him. •

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 which were referred to the appropriate committees.

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

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:40 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, without amendment:

S. 1599. An act to amend title 36, United States Code, to include in the Federal charter of the Reserve Officers Association leadership positions newly added in its constitution and bylaws.

S. 1860. An act to permit each current member of the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance to serve for 3 terms.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1834. An act to amend the Small Business Act to expand and improve the assistance provided to Indian tribe members, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2781. An act to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Molalla River in Oregon, as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3961. An act to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to reform the Medicare SGR payment system for physicians and to reinstate and update the Pay-As-You-Go requirement of budget neutrality on new tax and mandatory spending legislation, enforced by the threat of annual, automatic sequestration.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following

concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 212. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of historic events in Central and Eastern Europe, particularly the Velvet Revolution in Czechoslovakia, and reaffirming the bonds of friendship and cooperation between the United States and the Slovak Republic and the Czech Republic.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 1834. An act to amend the Small Business Act to expand and improve the assistance provided to Indian tribe members, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

H.R. 2781. An act to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Molalla River in Oregon, as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 212. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of historic events in Central and Eastern Europe, particularly the Velvet Revolution in Czechoslovakia, and reaffirming the bonds of friendship and cooperation between the United States and the Slovak Republic and the Czech Republic; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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-3756. A communication from the Deputy Archivist, National Archives and Records Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "36 CFR Chapter XII, Subchapter B, Federal Records Management; Revision" (RIN3095-AB16) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 17, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3757. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3758. A communication from the Chairman, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3759. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Agency Financial Report, Fiscal Year 2009"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3760. A communication from the Chairman, U.S. International Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2009; to the Committee on

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3761. A communication from the Broadcasting Board of Governors, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3762. A communication from the Federal Co-Chair, Appalachian Regional Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report, as amended, of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2009, through September 30, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3763. A communication from the Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3764. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3765. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; American Champion Aircraft Corp. Models 7ECA, 7GCAA, 7GCBC, 7KCAB, 8KCAB, and 8GCBC Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2009-0745)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3766. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 747 Airplanes; and Boeing Model 757-200, -200PF, and -300 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2008-1326)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3767. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce Deutschland Ltd. & Co. KG Model BR700-715A1-30, BR700-715B1-30, and BR700-715C1-30 Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2009-0045)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3768. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter France (ECF) Model EC 155B and EC155B1 Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2009-0952)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3769. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Hartzell Propeller Inc. (HC-)2Y(K,R)-() Series Propellers" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2006-25244)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3770. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administra-

tion, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce Deutschland Ltd. & Co. KG. (RRD) Tay 650-15 Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2007-0037)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3771. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A300-600 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2008-0979)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3772. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; General Electric Company CF6-80C2 Series Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2009-0018)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3773. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A300 B4-601, B4-603, B4-605R, B4-620, B4-622, B4-622R, F4-605R, F4-622R, and C4-605R Variant F Series Airplanes Equipped with Simmonds Precision Products, Inc., Fuel Quantity Indicating System Sensors and In-Tank Harnesses Installed in Accordance with Supplemental Type Certificate (STC) ST00092BO" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2009-0324)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3774. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A300 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2009-0997)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3775. A communication from the Acting Director of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Services, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XS79) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 18, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3776. A communication from the Acting Director of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Services, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States; Modifications of the West Coast Commercial and Recreational Salmon Fisheries; Inseason Actions No. 4, No. 5, No. 6, and No. 7" (RIN0648-XR27) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 18, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3777. A communication from the Acting Director of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Services, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher Vessels 60 ft (18.3 m) LOA and Longer Using Hook-and-Line Gear in the