

our fellow student, Morris Dees. Together, they would go on to form a lucrative direct marketing business selling cookbooks and other items. This business would make Millard a millionaire by the time he reached the young age of 29. When his work and devotion to monetary success began to threaten his personal relationships, however, Millard and Linda made the decision to simplify their lives by selling their possessions and dedicating their lives to their Christian values.

In 1965, Millard and Linda moved to Koinonia Farm in south Georgia. It was there that Millard and Linda met and became close friends with the farm's founder, Clarence Jordan. Clarence and Millard had much in common and together they developed the concept of a housing program that would provide no-interest loans to people to build modest homes. This idea eventually grew into Habitat for Humanity.

In 1976, from a tiny house in Americus, GA, Millard and Linda established Habitat for Humanity. Today, the organization has built more than 300,000 houses around the world, providing more than 1.5 million people in more than 3,000 communities with safe, decent, affordable shelter. In April 2009, Habitat for Humanity's Alabama State Support Organization will celebrate the completion of its 1,500th house.

Millard is loved and will be missed by his wife Linda and their four children. He will also be missed by the thousands of volunteers who found inspiration through his dedication. It is because of Millard that thousands of people across the world have a place to call home. I ask this entire Senate to join me in recognizing and honoring the life of Millard Fuller.●

HONORING MAINE OXY

● Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, at a time when our Nation is involved in a global war on terrorism, thousands of lives are disrupted as members of our armed services head off to war. One aspect that is often overlooked is the profound impact a deployment can have on a servicemember's civilian career. I wish today to commend a small business from my home State of Maine that has made a veritable commitment to ensuring that those serving our country are seamlessly reintegrated into the workforce upon their return from Active Duty, and their families taken care of while they are gone.

Maine Oxy is an Auburn-based company that specializes in welding, as well as industrial and specialty gases. A third generation family managed firm, Maine Oxy was founded in 1929 by Joseph W. Albiston as Maine Gas Service, which at that time provided sales and service to home propane customers. Six years later, Maine Oxy began providing welding supplies and industrial gases for customers throughout Androscoggin County, in central Maine. Since that time, Maine Oxy has expanded to serve three States in eight

locations, including a state-of-the-art acetylene production facility. It has also established a cutting-edge Spec Air gas manufacturing laboratory, as well as the New England School of Metalwork, with programs in welding and blacksmithing, as part of its sustained growth.

As a company that truly looks after its own, Maine Oxy has excelled in assisting its employees who serve in the military. Three such members from Maine Oxy's Auburn facility—Robert Smith, Kirby Touchette, and Scott St. Pierre—were all recently called up to Active Duty as combat engineers. During their deployment, Maine Oxy assisted the servicemembers by sending them care packages, and also aided their families by helping them with various chores, including chopping firewood for one the families that needed it. Even now, Maine Oxy continues to send dozens of care packages to troops in Iraq.

Upon their return, the three deployed employees were encouraged to make use of their maximum allocated 90-day entitlement of time off before returning to work. Moreover, the company was flexible in allowing for follow-up medical appointments. Finally, the firm rehired the employees and promoted them to new positions, thereby allowing their replacement workers to maintain employment as well.

Maine has one of the highest percentages of veterans in the country at roughly 16 percent of the State's population. Our State is seeing hundreds of new veterans each year returning from combat in Iraq and Afghanistan. As such, it is heartening to see companies like Maine Oxy standing ready to assist its veteran employees in such a broad and altruistic manner. Thank you to Bruce Albiston, Maine Oxy's Chief Executive Officer, and everyone at Maine Oxy for their selfless support of their colleagues, and best wishes for their future success.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:30 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, 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. 1127. An act to extend certain immigration programs.

MEASURES DISCHARGED

The following measure was discharged from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 44. An act to implement the recommendations of the Guam War Claims Review Commission; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

H.R. 146. An act to establish a battlefield acquisition grant program for the acquisition and protection of nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

David S. Kris, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Elena Kagan, of Massachusetts, to be Solicitor General of the United States.

Thomas John Perrelli, of Virginia, to be Associate Attorney General.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 386. A bill to improve enforcement of mortgage fraud, securities fraud, financial institution fraud, and other frauds related to federal assistance and relief programs, for the recovery of funds lost to these frauds, and for other purposes.

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. THUNE (for himself and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 527. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to prohibit the issuance of permits under title V of that Act for certain emissions from agricultural production; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. KERRY, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. DODD, Mr. BROWN, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 528. A bill to prevent voter caging; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. KERRY, and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 529. A bill to assist in the conservation of rare fields and rare canids by supporting and providing financial resources for the conservation programs of countries within the range of rare felid and rare canid populations and projects of persons with demonstrated expertise in the conservation of rare felid and rare canid populations; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself and Mr. MARTINEZ):

S. 530. A bill to extend Federal recognition to the Muscogee Nation of Florida; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 531. A bill to provide for the conduct of an in-depth analysis of the impact of energy

development and production on the water resources of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 532. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a business credit against income for the purchase of fishing safety equipment; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. KENNEDY, and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 533. A bill to amend the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 to establish a grant program to ensure waterfront access for commercial fisherman, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 534. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to reduce cost-sharing under part D of such title for certain non-institutionalized full-benefit dual eligible individuals; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. KERRY, Mrs. LINCOLN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. INHOFE):

S. 535. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. WYDEN:

S. 536. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to modify the definition of the term "renewable biomass"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. KOHL (for himself and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. 537. A bill to amend chapter 111 of title 28, United States Code, relating to protective orders, sealing of cases, disclosures of discovery information in civil actions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. PRYOR):

S. 538. A bill to increase the recruitment and retention of school counselors, school social workers, and school psychologists by low-income local educational agencies; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. REID:

S. 539. A bill to amend the Federal Power Act to require the President to designate certain geographical areas as national renewable energy zones, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. DODD, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. REED, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CASEY, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 540. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to liability under State and local requirements respecting devices; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CORKER, Mr. BOND, and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. 541. A bill to increase the borrowing authority of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. KOHL:

S. Res. 65. A resolution honoring the 100th anniversary of Fort McCoy in Sparta, Wisconsin; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BOND:

S. Res. 66. A resolution designating 2009 as the "Year of the Noncommissioned Officer Corps of the United States Army"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mr. KOHL, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. BURRIS, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. KERRY, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BAYH, and Mr. DODD):

S. Res. 67. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that providing breakfast in schools through the national school breakfast program has a positive impact on the lives and classroom performance of low-income children; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 133

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 133, a bill to prohibit any recipient of emergency Federal economic assistance from using such funds for lobbying expenditures or political contributions, to improve transparency, enhance accountability, encourage responsible corporate governance, and for other purposes.

S. 182

At the request of Mr. CASEY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 182, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.

S. 378

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KYL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 378, a bill to correct the interpretation of the term proceeds under RICO.

S. 386

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 386, a bill to improve enforcement of mortgage fraud, securities fraud, financial institution fraud, and other frauds related to federal assistance and relief programs, for the recovery of funds lost to these frauds, and for other purposes.

S. 456

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 456, a bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services, in consultation with the Secretary of Education, to develop guidelines to be used on a voluntary basis to develop plans to manage the risk of food allergy and anaphylaxis in schools and early childhood education programs, to establish

school-based food allergy management grants, and for other purposes.

S. 482

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. BYRD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 482, a bill to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form.

S. 484

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 484, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions.

S. 491

At the request of Mr. WEBB, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 491, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums.

S. 513

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the names of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) and the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) were added as cosponsors of S. 513, a bill to require the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System to publish information on financial assistance provided to various entities, and for other purposes.

S. 524

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the names of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. COBURN) and the Senator from Missouri (Mrs. MCCASKILL) were added as cosponsors of S. 524, a bill to amend the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 to provide for the expedited consideration of certain proposed rescissions of budget authority.

S. CON. RES. 4

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the names of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 4, a concurrent resolution calling on the President and the allies of the United States to raise the case of Robert Levinson with officials of the Government of Iran at every level and opportunity, and urging officials of the Government of Iran to fulfill their promises of assistance to the family of Robert Levinson and to share information on the investigation into the disappearance of Robert Levinson with the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

S. CON. RES. 6

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 6, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that national health care reform should ensure