

future. That means I'm voting for Ron Paul. Will he win? Not a chance, but will I vote for someone that will continue the selling of this country down the river? Not a chance! Please help be a part of changing our future.

SONJA STRONG, *Payette.*

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

FASHION WEEK CLEVELAND

• Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I would like to take the opportunity to recognize the importance of an upcoming event in my State—Fashion Week Cleveland—and its unique contributions to Ohio.

Fashion Week Cleveland is an annual convention and conference that will be held May 1-9, 2009, at cultural institutions throughout northeast Ohio, including Cleveland, Akron, Canton, Elyria, and Lorain.

The event, known as an educational fashion week, incorporates traditional runway shows, as well as exhibits, lectures, films, and seminars, to inform consumers and industry leaders about the history, cultural importance, and economic contributions of the fashion industry. Its educational events will be held at area galleries, libraries, museums, theaters, and universities, bringing positive attention to many north-east Ohio locations.

This year, Fashion Week Cleveland will highlight "green-sustainability" in a special show that coincides with the United Nations' Year of the Natural Fibre. This event will feature garments made of natural fibers produced in Ohio.

The Cleveland Fashion Show, the central event of Fashion Week Cleveland, is recognized across the country as a distinctive showcase for American designers. Fashion Week Cleveland is also nationally recognized as the third largest fashion industry event in the United States, after events held in New York and Los Angeles.

I am proud that Fashion Week Cleveland will contribute significantly to the economic growth of Ohio. Restaurants, hotels, stores, and other retail establishments will benefit tremendously from the patronage of Fashion Week Cleveland attendees. This event will serve a positive catalyst for achievement in fashion design, manufacture, education, and retail growth, as well as an important occasion to showcase northeast Ohio as a center of vibrant innovation and creativity.●

TRIBUTE TO COLONEL ROBIN E. SQUELLATI

• Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, I would like to recognize a great American and a dedicated Air Force officer who has diligently served in my office for the past year.

Colonel Squellati was born in San Rafael, CA, and entered the Air Force in 1986 after earning her bachelor of science in nursing from New York

State University. She earned her master of science in nursing from California State University, Dominguez Hills. Her assignments include commander, 47th Medical Operations Squadron, 47th Medical Group, Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas; commander, 321st Expeditionary Medical Group, Masirah, Oman; commander, 72nd Medical Operations Squadron, 72nd Medical Group, Tinker AFB, Oklahoma; and deputy group commander, 72nd Medical Group, Tinker AFB, Oklahoma.

Colonel Squellati served as a principal legislative adviser to myself and the congressional committee staff on health, nursing and defense health. She drafted health related authorization and appropriations language for introduction to the Senate. She collaborated with committee staffers, constituents, and Tri-Service military personnel, attended committee hearings, prepared background information and questions for witnesses, and coordinated the development of Senate bills and amendments through Senate committees and conference committees. In addition, she made recommendations to the Senator on floor proceedings, funding requests, report language, and cosponsorship legislation.

Colonel Squellati served with valor and profoundly impacted Federal nursing issues within the 110th Congress. Her performance reflects exceptionally on herself, the Air Force, the Department of Defense, and the United States of America. I extend my deepest appreciation to Colonel Squellati on behalf of a grateful Nation for her year of dedicated service in the 110th Congress.●

TRIBUTE TO CALDWELL AUTO PARTS & TOWING

• Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, there are many ways in which businesses can and do give back to their local communities. From companies whose employees volunteer at food pantries to firms that sponsor teams in their town's Little League program, America's small enterprises are magnanimous forces in the cities and towns where they operate. I rise today to highlight the tremendous gift of one business, Caldwell Auto Parts & Towing, to the town of Limestone, a small town of roughly 2,400 in far northern Maine.

Caldwell Auto Parts & Towing has been in Limestone for the last 10 years, under the ownership of brothers Scott and Robbie Caldwell. Prior to that, the company was located in Caswell, one town north of Limestone, on the U.S. border with New Brunswick, Canada. A family-owned small business, the company is dedicated to providing quality auto parts to its clientele, as well as responsive and safe towing.

Caldwell's has long been known for its generosity within town, but its latest act of kindness was a true surprise. Robbie and Scott Caldwell, wanting to celebrate the tenth year of their busi-

ness' operation in town, decided to give back to the community in a unique and lasting manner. They determined that donating one of their vehicles—a 2006 Ford Explorer—to the Limestone Police Department would represent an unparalleled gift. After contacting the town manager and police chief to make the gift a reality, the Caldwells fitted the vehicle with a full police package, making it ready to use without any investments by the town.

What makes the vehicle even more special is that it is replacing one of Limestone's police cruisers that suffered significant damage during whiteout conditions last winter. The new vehicle has four wheel drive and studded tires, making it more effective to drive during the long and snowy winter months in Aroostook County.

People in Limestone have long known the Caldwells for their kindness and charity. Active members of their community and the local chamber of commerce, Caldwell's has been critical in assisting the town's recreation department, including sponsoring T-shirts for youth basketball teams. Additionally, Caldwell's has made significant donations to Project Graduation, a Maine-wide program that promotes safe, drug-free graduation parties, including contributing one of their vehicles for the group's use in the Limestone Fourth of July parade.

Caldwell Auto Parts & Towing understands the meaning of being a good neighbor. Over the years, they have sought new and distinctive ways to make a difference in their community, and have garnered much good will. As Donna Bernier, Limestone's town manager, noted, "The Caldwells have made significant impacts on the community and they continue to do so." I wish Scott and Robbie Caldwell and everyone at Caldwell Auto Parts & Towing the very best, and thank them for their contributions to a safer and stronger Limestone.●

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 messages from the President of the United States submitting nominations which were referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

(The nomination received today is printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

At 9:33 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by

Mr. Zapata, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled joint resolution:

S.J. Res. 3. Joint resolution ensuring that the compensation and other emoluments attached to the office of Secretary of the Interior are those which were in effect on January 1, 2005.

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

At 3:10 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. 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. 2. An act to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to extend and improve the Children's Health Insurance Program, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, January 14, 2009, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled joint resolution:

S.J. Res. 3. Joint resolution ensuring that the compensation and other emoluments attached to the office of Secretary of the Interior are those which were in effect on January 1, 2005.

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-448. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Emamectin; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL-8397-9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 13, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-449. A communication from the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Technology), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Annual Report on Extensions of a Contract Period to a Total of More than Ten Years"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-450. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13348 relative to the former Liberian regime of Charles Taylor; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-451. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13396 with respect to Cote d'Ivoire; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-452. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "License Requirements Policy for Iran and for Certain Weapons of Mass Destruction Proliferators"

(RIN0694-AE50) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 13, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-453. A communication from the Secretary, Division of Investment Management, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Indexed Annuities and Certain Other Insurance Contracts" (RIN3235-AK16) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 13, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-454. A communication from the Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act Provisions; Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery; Closure of the Limited Access General Category Scallop Fishery to Individual Fishing Quota Scallop Vessels" (RIN0648-XM40) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 13, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-455. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act Provisions; Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Extension of Emergency Fishery Closure Due to the Presence of the Toxin that Causes Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning" (RIN0648-AT48) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 13, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-456. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Revised Management Authority for Dark Rockfish in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area and the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-AU20) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 13, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-457. 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 "Establishing U.S. Ports of Entry in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) and Implementing the Guam-CNMI Visa Waiver Program" (RIN1651-AA77) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 13, 2009; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-458. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Texas; Approval of the Section 110(a)(1) Maintenance Plan for the 1997 8-Hour Ozone Standard for El Paso County" (FRL-8761-4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 13, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-459. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Arkansas; Emissions Inventory for the Crittenden County Ozone

Non-attainment Area; Emissions State-ments" (FRL-8762-4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 13, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-460. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Utah's Emission Inventory Reporting Requirements" (FRL-8754-7) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 13, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-461. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Finding of Failure to Submit State Implementation Plans Required by the 1999 Regional Haze Rule" (FRL-8762-7) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 13, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-462. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) and Nonattainment New Source Review (NSR); Aggregation and Project Netting" (FRL-8762-8) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 13, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-463. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the Board's activities for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-464. A communication from the Director, Legislative and Regulatory Department, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits" (29 CFR Part 4044) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 13, 2009; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-465. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the Department's Semi-annual Report to Congress on Audit Follow-Up for the period of April 1, 2008, through September 30, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-466. A communication from the Acting Director, Strategic Human Resources Policy Division, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prevailing Rate Systems; Redefinition of the Buffalo, NY, and Pittsburgh, PA, Appropriated Fund Federal Wage System Wage Areas" (RIN3206-AL71) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 13, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-467. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel and Designated Reporting Official, Office of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of action on nominations for the positions of Deputy Director for Supply Reduction and Deputy Director for State, Local and Tribal Affairs, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 13, 2009; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-468. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and