

as much as possible. As a result in increased fuel prices, food prices continue to climb as do electricity costs. Unfortunately, salaries and benefits do not continue to rise as well.

I know that it is hard to know what to do to help the situation, but I have one solution that would benefit us. Get rid of daylight savings. Not only do my children (and I) have a hard time adjusting to the time change every spring and fall, but I honestly feel it causes us to use more energy. We have to stay up until nearly midnight every night just to allow the house to cool down. My children also stay up later because it is still light outside until 10 p.m. so it is easy to lose track of time. I believe one of the states did a study as well and found that daylight savings does indeed cause us to use more energy not less. My son just returned from visiting family in Arizona, and he is ready to do away with daylight savings as well. Please consider this as a potential help to our energy problems.

SHERYL.

I am a 73-year-old senior trying to live on Social Security and a bit of other income. Over 2 years ago, we took guardianship of a great-granddaughter; her mother is incarcerated due to meth addiction. We have a diabetic daughter whose kidneys failed; she is now undergoing treatment three times a week. She nearly bled to death three times in one month, as she was home sleeping and her shunts opened. They had to close them off and use a chest catheter now. She is scheduled for a triple bypass and to correct a heart defect on July 8.

We are so grateful to still have her with us. We have to help her with her many bills (medical, food, gas etc.), as she lives alone in a small house about 3 miles from us. She still is able to enjoy some freedom in her life, as long as we can afford all this. I do not know how long we can do this. She is able to get some assistance, but not nearly enough.

My husband, who will be 77 in August, has gone back to work on a temporary job at the INEL, for as long as he can handle. He is gone 12 hours a day from home.

Yesterday, I went to Wal-Mart, and a 5-pound block of cheddar cheese was \$18.97 per cube.

Just how much can this go on? Why was this allowed to go on at all? With an energy bill all these years. As far as I am concerned, everyone who voted against these bills [was not considering the long-term. Now the American public is paying for the shortsightedness of these actions.]

LYDIA, Idaho Falls.

I am writing in concerns to the raising gas prices and how it is affecting me. I currently work full-time as a paper delivery person. I have nine routes between two paper companies, the Spokesman Review and the Daily Bee. Last year I was forced to pick up more routes within my area just so I could pay for gas and still support my three little girls. This year as gas continues to climb, I am forced to go to work cleaning houses on the side during the day, on top of my paper routes. I am a mother who was working nights so I could be home with my kids and not pay someone else to raise my kids for me. Last year I started home schooling my two school-age children due to lack of faith in the public school system. My kids love it and are excelling now where one was behind at the beginning of last year.

Now I face trying to juggle two jobs, my own schooling and the schooling of two of my children. I am trying to better myself, and every time things look up financially, the cost of gas or something else goes up, but the cost of living and the going pay rates stay the same. Tell me how a single mother of three is supposed to get out of poverty when the cost of everything, especially gas for those who work in the service industry, is

going up faster than the money is coming in. I am not looking for hand-outs; I just want things to be reasonable. When delivering papers, you can have a walk route or motor route. The motor routes get paid twice to three times as much as the walk routes. I have walk routes but so many papers that I have to drive, not to mention the wear and tear of the stop and go of the job. I also have to porch 90 percent of my papers, which has caused wear and tear on my body that cannot be fixed. I feel that a paper route is a paper route, and you should get the same rate per paper, not a different rate for different mileage. What about the miles on my body that is twice as much as someone with a motor route? I would like to see changes in the way we are reimbursed for gas because 40 cents to the gallon, when a gallon is \$4 just is not fair for anyone.

ACCALIA, Sandpoint.

Our family has cut back on the use of our auto. We have a high mileage Honda Civic that gets 40+ mpg on trips but we only make a trip when we have to. We combine errands and use the car for dual tasks. We will walk or carpool when possible.

Now I have an immediate short-term solution to the high price of gas, jet fuel, and diesel. It involves our government subsidizing the cost of energy to hold the price of gas at around \$2.50 a gallon to the consumer. It would not increase the Federal Government's budget. You could simply eliminate all the pork packages added to about every bill that is passed. You could also eliminate the subsidies to the big oil companies and, if necessary, eliminate the agricultural subsidies, especially the ethanol support. What I am saying is that if government would use the taxpayers' money with frugality and common sense, they would have the resources to hold the price of fuel down until a permanent solution surfaces. If we do not get a handle on the rising cost of fuel our economy and the economies of the world will be destroyed.

JERRY, Boise.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO MAJOR GENERAL DANIEL V. WRIGHT

• Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, I wish today to recognize and pay tribute to MG Daniel V. Wright, the Deputy Judge Advocate General of the Army, for his many years of exceptionally meritorious service to our country. General Wright will retire from the Army on May 29, 2009, having completed a distinguished 36-year military career. We owe him a debt of gratitude for his many contributions to our Nation and the legal profession, particularly during operations in support of the global war on terror.

Born on the Fourth of July in 1951, in Birmingham, AL, this great patriot grew up in Miami, FL. He graduated in 1973 from the United States Military Academy and was commissioned as an infantry officer. His initial assignment was to the 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, where he served as an infantry officer until 1977. He was then selected by the Army to attend law school through the Funded Legal Education Program and completed his legal studies at the University of Miami.

His career as a Judge Advocate spanned the globe and included the

most challenging assignments. He quickly distinguished himself as an expert in operational law when he served as the first Regimental Judge Advocate for the 75th Ranger Regiment, America's premier rapid-reaction assault force. He later served as the legal adviser for the Joint Special Operations Command at Fort Bragg, NC, where he participated in operations in Somalia and Haiti. As the Staff Judge Advocate for the U.S. Army Southern European Task Force, SETAF, in Vicenza, Italy, he twice deployed to central Africa as the Joint Task Force legal adviser in support of regional stabilization, refugee return, and noncombatant evacuation operations. From 1999 to 2001 he served as the Staff Judge Advocate for XVIII Airborne Corps and Fort Bragg, where he advised the operational commander of over 85,000 soldiers worldwide.

Upon selection and promotion as a general officer in 2001, he assumed responsibilities as the Commander, U.S. Army Legal Services Agency, and Chief Judge, U.S. Army Court of Criminal Appeals. His service included supervision of the Army's considerable litigation program, government and defense appellate programs, and Chief Judge of the Army's criminal appellate court.

In 2003, he was appointed the Assistant Judge Advocate General for Military Law and Operations, where he forged a cohesive team of experts who delivered legal advice across a wide range of disciplines including the establishment of the Office of Military Commissions, the evolving role of the law in judicial reconstruction and stability operations, and the significant growth of contractors as force multipliers.

General Wright was appointed Deputy Judge Advocate General on October 1, 2005, and promoted to the rank of major general. In this position he served as the principal assistant for the largest legal services corps within the Department of Defense, with more than 9,000 uniformed and civilian attorneys, paralegal NCOs, and civilian support staff across 651 offices in 19 countries. General Wright routinely advised the Judge Advocate General, the Vice Chief of Staff of the Army, and other senior military leaders on the most sensitive matters of policy, personnel, ethics, operational law, and military justice. His advice has been invaluable because it was built on decades of perspective, experience, and study, and was delivered with clarity and candor.

General Wright's awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, Army Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, and Humanitarian Service Medal. He has earned the Expert Infantryman's Badge, the Master Parachutist Badge, and the Ranger Tab.

I know all my colleagues join me in saluting MG Daniel V. Wright and his wife, Jan, his daughter Melissa, also an Army veteran, his daughter Katie, and his son Brian and his son Jeff, for the family's many years of truly outstanding service and support to the Judge Advocate General's Corps, the U.S. Army, and our great Nation.●

TRIBUTE TO JESSE KUHAULUA

● Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, I would like to recognize Mr. Jesse Kuhaulua, renowned sumo wrestler and stablemaster. June 6, 2009, marks Mr. Kuhaulua's 65th birthday, and official retirement from the sport of sumo. It is with warm aloha that I congratulate Mr. Kuhaulua on these milestones.

The traditions of sumo span centuries. During the 8th century, sumo wrestling matches were integrated into the ceremonies of the Imperial Court. With the support of the Imperial Court, sumo evolved and developed rules and techniques that closely resemble the sumo of today. In the 12th century, under a military dictatorship, intense warfare ensued, and sumo was used to improve fighting skills. When peace was restored in the early 17th century, professional sumo groups were organized to entertain the rapidly expanding mercantile class, and sumo came into its own as the national sport of Japan. The present day Japan Sumo Association has its origins in these groups. An amalgamation of Shinto ritual, skill, and entertainment, sumo is more than a practice of strength and combat. Sumo epitomizes Japanese culture and its affinity for tradition.

Mr. Kuhaulua was born and raised in Hawaii on the Island of Maui, and in 1964 left the islands to pursue the sport of sumo in Japan. Over the course of nearly 45 years, as both a wrestler and stablemaster, Mr. Kuhaulua has been a pioneer and a legend. As an individual athlete, his achievements are outstanding. Mr. Kuhaulua holds almost every all-time individual sumo record of endurance or in the iron-man category. As a trail blazer, he has earned a place in sumo history that will never be forgotten, as the first foreigner to win a tournament championship, and to open a sumo stable. His coaching skills helped develop the skills of Mr. Chad Rowan, the first foreigner to achieve the rank of Yokozuna. The legacy Mr. Kuhaulua leaves the world of sumo wrestling will continue to be an inspiration for generations to come.

I applaud Mr. Kuhaulua for his hard work and perseverance that has led to his great achievements in sumo, and wish him the best in the bright years ahead.●

HONORING LIE-NIELSEN TOOLWORKS INC.

● Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, American entrepreneurs often make their mark by honing their skills to meet a public demand. Today I wish to recog-

nize Lie-Nielsen Toolworks Inc., a small business in my home State of Maine, that saw a need in specialty toolmaking, and moved quickly to fill it.

As a boy, Thomas Lie-Nielsen spent many hours in his father's workshop as seasoned woodworkers practiced their craft, absorbing their techniques. An English major in college, Mr. Lie-Nielsen always maintained a fondness for woodworking, and later worked for a mail order woodworking tools business. When larger manufacturers began to drop specialty tools from their lines, he moved to the small Maine town of West Rockport, where he opened his shop in 1981 to fill the specialty tool niche. In 1988, as the business grew, Mr. Lie-Nielsen moved the company to the neighboring town of Warren, where he later opened a 13,000-square-foot facility for its day-to-day operations. In 1998, Lie-Nielsen acquired the Independence Tool Company, further growing the company's size.

Starting out producing just two tools in 1981, Lie-Nielsen today manufactures almost 100 different tools, from planes to spokeshaves to special inlay tools. The company now employs more than 60 Mainers, crafting woodworking tools from a variety of native American hardwoods found mostly throughout New England. Lie-Nielsen ships its tools to customers abroad, as far away as Europe, Japan and Australia. The company also teaches the craft of woodworking through its training DVDs which feature how to get the most out of their specialty, hand-crafted Lie-Nielsen tools.

Mr. Lie-Nielsen remains personally committed to the success of his business, particularly through increased production and the development of new and sturdy products. He is particularly responsive to comments and suggestions from his company's customers in designing new tools they would like Lie-Nielsen to make. Additionally, Mr. Lie-Nielsen frequently travels throughout the United States and Canada discussing the woodworking and toolmaking trade at informational talks and presentations. He is also an accomplished author, having written "Taunton's Complete Illustrated Guide to Sharpening," as well as co-authoring "Taunton's Complete Illustrated Guide to Woodworking."

On April 17 of this year, Maine Governor John Baldacci presented Lie-Nielsen, along with five other excellent Maine companies, with the 2009 Governor's Award for Business Excellence. Lie-Nielsen was selected for the company's innovative spirit and for its strong record of community service and dedication to investing in its workforce. I extend my congratulations to Lie-Nielsen Toolworks for this outstanding recognition.

Carving out a specialty niche in the woodworking world, Lie-Nielsen has excelled as a leader in the craft of toolmaking. It is the passion, drive, and innovation of entrepreneurs like

Thomas Lie-Nielsen that will shape our economic future. I wish Mr. Lie-Nielsen, founder and CEO, and everyone at Lie-Nielsen Toolworks, Inc. a successful year.●

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.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:18 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Zapata, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the House to the resolution (S. Con. Res. 13) entitled "Concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2010, revising the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2009, and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2011 through 2014."

At 3:25 p.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 bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1243. An act to provide for the award of a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Arnold Palmer in recognition of his service to the Nation in promoting excellence and good sportsmanship in golf.

H.R. 1595. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3245 Latta Road in Rochester, New York, as the "Brian K. Schramm Post Office Building".

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. 36. Concurrent resolution calling on the President and the allies of the United States to raise in all appropriate bilateral and multilateral fora the case of Robert Levinson at every opportunity, urging Iran to fulfill their promises of assistance to the family of Robert Levinson, and calling on Iran to share the results of its investigation into the disappearance of Robert Levinson with the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

H. Con. Res. 104. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month.

The message further announced that pursuant to 44 U.S.C. 2501, and the