Located in Grant County, Revillo possesses the strong sense of community that makes South Dakota such an outstanding place to live and work. Throughout its rich history, Revillo has continued to be a strong reflection of South Dakota's greatest values and traditions. The city of Revillo has much to be proud of and I am confident that Revillo's success will continue well into the future.

The town of Revillo will commemorate the 125th anniversary of its founding with celebrations held on June 19 thru June 21. I would like to offer my congratulations to the citizens of Revillo on this milestone anniversary and wish them continued prosperity in the years to come.●

150TH ANNIVERSARY OF ELK POINT, SOUTH DAKOTA

● Mr. THUNE. Madam President, today I recognize Elk Point, SD. Founded in 1859, the city of Elk Point will celebrate its 150th anniversary this year.

Located in Union County, Elk Point serves as the county seat. The name Elk Point originates from the Lewis and Clark expedition campsite near present day Elk Point. As one of South Dakota's oldest communities, Elk Point possesses a rich history that continues to be a strong reflection of South Dakota's greatest values and traditions. The city of Elk Point has much to be proud of and I am confident that Elk Point's success will continue well into the future.

I would like to offer my congratulations to the citizens of Elk Point on this milestone anniversary and wish them continued prosperity in the years to come.●

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF McLAUGHLIN, SOUTH DAKOTA

● Mr. THUNE. Madam President, today I recognize McLaughlin, SD. Founded in 1909, the city of McLaughlin will celebrate its 100th anniversary this year.

Named after COL James McLaughlin, the city of McLaughlin is located in Corson County. McLaughlin possesses the strong sense of community that makes South Dakota a great place to work and live. Throughout its rich history, McLaughlin has continued to be a strong reflection of South Dakota's greatest values and traditions. The city of McLaughlin has much to be proud of and I am confident that McLaughlin's success will continue well into the future.

I would like to offer my congratulations to the citizens of McLaughlin on this milestone anniversary and wish them continued prosperity in the years to come.●

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF LEBANON, SOUTH DAKOTA

● Mr. THUNE. Madam President, today I recognize Lebanon, SD. Founded in 1884, the town of Lebanon will celebrate its 125th anniversary this year.

Located in Potter County, Lebanon possesses the strong sense of community that makes South Dakota such an outstanding place to live and work. Throughout its rich history, Lebanon has continued to be a strong reflection of South Dakota's greatest values and traditions. The city of Lebanon has much to be proud of and I am confident that Lebanon's success will continue well into the future.

The town of Lebanon will commemorate the 125th anniversary of its founding with celebrations held on June 20 and June 21. I would like to offer my congratulations to the citizens of Lebanon on this milestone anniversary and wish them continued prosperity in the years to come.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, 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 and a treaty which were referred to the appropriate committees.

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

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 10:14 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 1256. An act to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products, to amend title 5, United States Code, to make certain modifications in the Thrift Savings Plan, the Civil Service Retirement System, and the Federal Employees' Retirement System, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the Acting President pro tempore (Mr. REID).

At 2:28 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 bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 729. An act to help keep students safe on school-run, overnight, off-premises field trips.

H.R. 2325. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1300 Matamoros Street in Laredo, Texas, as the ''Laredo Veterans Post Office''.

H.R. 2422. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2300 Scenic Drive in Georgetown, Texas, as the ''Kile G. West Post Office Building''.

H.R. 2661. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to increase the penalty for violations of section 119 (relating to protection of individuals performing certain official duties), and for other purposes.

H.R. 2765. An act to amend title 28, United States Code, to prohibit recognition and enforcement of foreign defamation judgments and certain foreign judgments against the providers of interactive computer services.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 615. An act to provide additional personnel authorities for the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 729. An act to help keep students safe on school-run, overnight, off-premises field trips; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 2325. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1300 Matamoros Street in Laredo, Texas, as the ''Laredo Veterans Post Office''; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 2422. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2300 Scenic Drive in Georgetown, Texas, as the ''Kile G. West Post Office Building''; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H. R. 2661. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to increase the penalty for violations of section 119 (relating to protection of individuals performing certain official duties), and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 2765. An act to amend title 28, United States Code, to prohibit recognition and enforcement of foreign defamation judgments and certain foreign judgments against the providers of interactive computer services; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

P0M–47. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Louisiana urging Congress to take such actions as are necessary to maintain the current incentives for the exploration and production of domestic oil and natural gas; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 15

Whereas, Louisiana is a key energy state where over three hundred twenty thousand Louisianians are employed in the energy sector, and these jobs support over twelve billion dollars a year in household income; and

Whereas, these jobs are from numerous small businesses and include welders, pipe fitters, barge workers, and engineers, and an estimated fifty thousand indirect workers support the energy sector; and

Whereas, the current federal budget proposal includes eight separate tax hikes on the energy economy totaling over thirty billion dollars, new fees on energy leases in the Gulf of Mexico, excise taxes on Gulf production, and also repeals several important tax incentives for Louisiana energy producers; and

Whereas, ninety percent of domestic oil and natural gas wells are developed by small, independent businesses that would encounter a devastating impact from any change in policy to reduce incentives; and

Whereas, these tax increases also reduce our nation's energy security by discouraging new investment in domestic oil and natural gas production and refining capacity and pushing those investments abroad; and

Whereas, a reduction in incentives would reduce the amount of domestically produced natural gas and deprive the American people of a clean energy source. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana memorializes the Congress of the United States to take such actions as are necessary to maintain the current incentives for the exploration and production of domestic oil and natural gas. Be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the secretary of the United States Senate and the clerk of the United States House of Representatives, and to each member of the Louisiana delegation to the United States Congress.

POM–48. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Louisiana urging Congress to take such actions as are necessary to appropriate funds specifically for the storm-proofing of interior pump stations in the parishes of St. Bernard and Plaquemines; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 51

Whereas, in 2006, the United States Congress, under the Flood Control and Coastal Emergency Act, appropriated two hundred fifty million dollars for storm-proofing interior pump stations in the Greater New Orleans area in order to ensure the operability of the stations during hurricanes, storms, and high water events; and

Whereas, four years after hurricanes Katrina and Rita, only pump stations in the parishes of Jefferson and Orleans have been storm-proofed pursuant to this appropriation; and

Whereas, it is the belief of the public that the pump stations in the parishes of St. Bernard and Plaquemines have not been storm-proofed because the Corps of Engineers underestimated the cost of the storm-proofing and, therefore, interpreted the ''Greater New Orleans area'' to include only the parishes of Jefferson and Orleans; and

Whereas, storm-proofing interior pump stations in the parishes of St. Bernard and Plaquemines is desperately needed in order to ensure the operability of the stations as well as to provide safe housing for personnel required to remain on duty to operate the pump stations during hurricanes, storms, and high water events. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to appropriate funds specifically for the storm-proofing of interior pump stations in the parishes of St. Bernard and Plaquemines. Be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. AKAKA, from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, without amendment:

S. 669. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the conditions under which certain persons may be treated as adjudicated mentally incompetent for certain purposes (Rept. No. 111-27).

By Mr. KERRY, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 153. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on the restitution of or compensation for property seized during the Nazi and Communist eras.

S. Res. 182. A resolution recognizing the democratic accomplishments of the people of Albania and expressing the hope that the parliamentary elections on June 28, 2009, maintain and improve the transparency and fairness of democracy in Albania.

S. Con. Res. 23. A concurrent resolution supporting the goals and objectives of the Prague Conference on Holocaust Era Assets.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. KERRY for the Committee on Foreign Relations.

*Andrew J. Shapiro, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Political-Military Affairs).

*Eric P. Schwartz, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Population, Refugees, and Migration).

*Bonnie D. Jenkins, of New York, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as Coordinator for Threat Reduction Programs.

*Ellen 0. Tauscher, of California, to be Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security.

*Kurt M. Campbell, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (East Asian and Pacific Affairs).

*Eric P. Goosby, of California, to be Ambassador at Large and Coordinator of United States Government Activities to Combat HIV/AIDS Globally.

Nominee: Eric Paul Goosby.

The following is a list of all members of my immediate family and their spouses. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.

Contributions, amount, date, and donee:

1. Self: Eric Goosby.

Spouse: Nancy Truelove.

US Congresswoman Barbara Lee, California: $100 USD (2006) $100 USD (2007) $50 USD (2008) $100 USD (2009)

Mayor Ron Dellums, Oakland, California: $200 USD (2007)

Hillary R. Clinton Presidential Candidate: $200 USD (2007–08) $100 USD (2009—debt fund)

Barack Obama Presidential Candidate: $300 USD (2008)

Woody Myers, MD Congressional Candidate, Indiana's 7th District: $100 USD (2008)

US Congressman Jessie Jackson for Congress, Illinois: $500 USD x 2 (est 2004–5)

2. Children: Eric N. Goosby; Zoe A. Goosby: no contributions.

3. Parents: Zuretti L. Goosby, Sr.: deceased 2000: no contributions.

Jackie I. Goosby—2005–2009 contributions: Jane Morrison for DCCC—$100 USD (2005); Barack Obama—$50 USD (2008); Eric Mar for San Francisco Supervisor—$35 USD; Obama Victory Fund—$250 USD (2008); San Francisco Democratic Party—$100 USD (2006–07); Barbara Lee for Congress—$100 USD (2007–08); John Burton Children Without Homes—$50 USD (2005); Ursula Reed, San Leandro City Council—$75 USD (2007); Washington DC, Martin Luther King Jr. National Memorial; Project Foundation, Inc.—$150 USD (2006–07); Friends of Barbara Boxer—$200 USD (2008); Hillary R. Clinton Campaign -$50 USD (2008); Nancy Pelosi—$200 USD (2006–08); Maxwell for San Francisco Board of Supervisor—$50 USD; Maxwell for San Francisco Board of Supervisors—$50 USD; Jane Morrison for DCCC (SF City and County Community College Board—$100 USD; Sue Bierman for DCCC (SF City and County Community College Board—$100 USD; San Francisco Democratic Party—$135 USD; Dianne Feinstein (Senator, California)—$100 USD; John Burton (California State Senator) Children Without Homes Fund—$50 USD; Kamala Harris for San Francisco District Attorney—$100 USD; Tom Ammiano—$50 USD; Nancy Pelosi, Congresswoman, San Francisco—$300 USD; Hillary R. Clinton Debt Fund—$50 USD; Obama Presidential Campaign—$50 USD (2008); John Burton, Children Without Homes Fund—$100 USD; Hillary R. Clinton Presidential Campaign—$100 USD (2008).

Grandparents: maternal and paternal grandparents died: no contributions > 4 yrs.

Paternal Grandfather: Felix Goosby, died 1966.

Paternal Grandmother: Eva Goosby, died 1978.

Maternal Grandmother: Nola Smith, died 1988 (est).

Maternal Grandfather: not known, died 1962 (est).

5. Brothers and. Spouses: Kevin R. Goosby: No contributions > 4 yrs; Zuretti L. Goosby; Brenda Goosby (wife).

Obama Presidential Campaign < $2Q0.00, estimate (2008); (they are on extended travel for the next 3 weeks and I am unable to confirm, but I do not think it is above $200 USD going back to 2004)

6. Sisters: None

Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, for the Committee on Foreign Relations I report favorably the following nomination list which was printed in the RECORD on the date indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that this nomination lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Foreign Service nominations beginning with Marvin F. Burgos and ending with Stephen Alan Cristina, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 20, 2009. (minus 1 nominee: Terence Jones)

By Mr. LIEBERMAN for the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

*Jeffrey D. Zients, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget.

*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.

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

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: