

without refueling. America's favorite innovator, Bill Gates, has invested in a company that is exploring the Traveling Wave. If Bill Gates is embracing nuclear, I think it's safe to say America will soon be back in the game.

But we need to continue our commitment to basic science research. We must rebuild our industrial capacity and continue producing a skilled workforce for the future. We need to start building new reactors in America and we need to bring the next generation of reactors to market to recognize the benefits of full-recycling. It all starts with learning from our experience and the experience of other nations like Japan.

So these two nations as well as others—are prepared to move forward together in the great nuclear renaissance that is sweeping the world. Japan is on the cutting edge of reactor construction and reprocessing technology and I hope we will soon be able to join them by expanding our own nuclear fleet and adding our research capabilities. We have come a long, long way in 70 years since the closing day of World War II when scientists unlocked the energy buried at the heart of the atom. Nuclear power has since been used for threats, it has been used for destruction, and it has been used to frighten humanity into confronting the idea that we might be capable of destroying ourselves and the planet along with us. But I think right now we can safely say that these two nations are poised on the edge of an era of cooperation when we will turn the benefits of nuclear power to the greater good of all mankind.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO NIEL ELLERBROOK

• Mr. BAYH. Mr. President, on behalf of myself and Senator LUGAR, I would like to bring to the Senate's attention the service of Niel Ellerbrook, who is retiring as chief executive officer of Evansville-based Vectren Corporation after more than 30 years of service with the company and its predecessor. Mr. Ellerbrook's accomplishments as a business leader in Indiana are well documented and too numerous to mention. Suffice it to say, Niel has been a strong and positive force for change in the State for many years. He successfully engineered the merger between two utility companies and built the resulting company Vectren Corporation into one of Indiana's largest publically traded corporations with more than 3,700 employees and operations encompassing half of the United States. Under Niel's leadership, Vectren has embarked on an impressive campaign to provide consumers cleaner energy and cost-saving energy conservation programs all of which have become models for others in the industry to follow.

Niel's business acumen tells only a part of the story, however. The son of

a minister and elementary school teacher, Niel was born into a household that put a premium on sacrifice and doing for others. Niel's generous commitment of time and resources to civic endeavors in Evansville has benefited untold numbers of Hoosiers. Niel is an active supporter of the United Way and devotes significant energies toward education serving as chairman of the board of trustees at the University of Evansville, on the board of Signature Learning Center in Evansville, and as cochair, with his wife Karen, of the fundraising campaign that led to the opening of the Koch Children's Museum of Evansville in 2006.

Born in Rensselaer, growing up in Franklin and graduating from Ball State University, Niel is a born-and-bred Hoosier success story. Fortunately for us Hoosiers, he decided to remain in the State and place his significant mark on the history of Indiana business and civic leadership.

Speaking for my colleague Senator LUGAR, I can say how fortunate we are to call Niel a friend.

It is with great appreciation that Senator LUGAR and I congratulate Niel Ellerbrook on his remarkable career, and wish him and his wife Karen the very best in their future endeavors together.●

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF BALTIMORE HERITAGE, INC.

• Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, today I wish to pay special tribute to Baltimore Heritage, Inc. as it celebrates its 50th anniversary. Baltimore Heritage, Inc.—BHI—is beginning its fifth decade of service to Baltimore City. BHI was founded in 1960 by leaders of the Baltimore business and cultural community, including members of the Greater Baltimore Committee, the Maryland Historical Society, the Peale Museum, and the Junior Chamber of Commerce. For decades, the organization has effectively advocated for actions and broader policies that protect the city's irreplaceable historic buildings and neighborhoods.

BHI works in three primary areas: education, planning and advocacy, and technical assistance. Its education programs seek to involve people and promote the city's heritage. To further that effort, it conducts monthly guided tours of historic sites, spring walking tours, a fall history lecture, and a reception to recognize the best historic preservation projects.

Through its planning and advocacy work, BHI has helped preserve city landmarks and develop strategies to use Baltimore's historic buildings and neighborhoods as the basis for economic growth. Some successes include: reversing plans to demolish the historic buildings surrounding Mt. Vernon Place; saving the City Hall dome; and establishing the Baltimore City Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation, CHAP, which has gone on to help designate more than 60

local and national neighborhood historic districts and achieve protected landmark status for more than 100 historic structures, parks, and monuments. BHI was a partner in blocking the extension of I-83 through Fells Point and Canton and in preserving and reusing Camden Station and Camden Warehouse as integrated parts of the new downtown ballpark.

Baltimore Heritage leaders also were partners with Preservation Maryland in crafting and advocating for an alternative proposal for revitalizing the West Side of Baltimore's downtown—an alternative that proved the feasibility and great economic potential of integrating, rather than demolishing, the district's historic structures. This alternative plan now serves as the guideline for the city's official redevelopment plan for this important downtown district.

I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding Baltimore Heritage for its dedication to showcasing our rich historic and cultural heritage. Baltimore is one of our Nation's most historic cities, and Baltimore Heritage, Inc. understands the importance of preserving the past while building for the future. To paraphrase Sir Christopher Wren's epitaph, "If you seek Baltimore Heritage's monument, look around you."●

RECOGNIZING ALCOM, INC.

• Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, next week marks National Small Business Week, a time when we honor our Nation's entrepreneurs and the tremendous accomplishments they have made. As small business owners and advocates from across America gather in Washington, DC, for several days of events, among that group will be two Mainers who have earned the U.S. Small Business Administration's prestigious 2010 Maine Small Business Persons of the Year award. Today I wish to recognize Trapper Clark and Tom Sturtevant, the president and corporate vice president, respectively, of Alcom, Inc., a major manufacturer of aluminum trailers located in the town of Winslow.

Alcom got its start in 2006 when Trapper Clark opened the firm in 8,000 square feet of space at the historic Wyandotte Mill in Waterville. Trapper, a graduate of the University of Maine, had previously worked for aluminum sport and utility manufacturer SnoPro, giving him a deep familiarity with the industry and how it operates. When he decided to open his own small business, he approached Tom, his stepfather who had been retired for a decade, to help get his company off the ground. Mr. Sturtevant is an entrepreneur in his own right, having founded Gazelle Products—the third-largest fiberglass-canoe manufacturer in the country when he sold it in 1990—and Benton Plastics—the third-largest manufacturer of plastic bed liners in the world when he sold the firm in 1994. Clearly,

both Trapper and Tom had the knowledge, background, and expertise to launch Alcom in early 2006.

When the company opened its doors, it employed just a handful of people but sold 105 of its trailers to dealers on its first day of operation. Business continued to stay strong, and within a year, Alcom was using all 46,000 available square feet at the mill. Facing a dilemma that could have easily forced their company out of State, Trapper and Tom instead chose to utilize a \$1.1 million SBA loan guarantee to move into an expanded, 70,000 square foot facility in the Winslow Industrial Park. In part because of the expansion, Alcom now employs 80 and is slated to complete \$18 million in sales in 2010. The company sells its trailers to 200 dealers throughout the United States and Canada. Additionally, the company's 5-year plan anticipates the company having 196 employees and \$44 million in sales in 2013, an incredible measurement of the company's success and growth.

The ability of Alcom to grow and thrive during such difficult economic times is a testament to the dedication and commitment of Trapper Clark and Tom Sturtevant, who vividly represent America's entrepreneurial spirit. Indeed, Alcom is truly one of our Nation's shining small business success stories, and has quickly become a nationwide leader in the design and manufacturing of recreational aluminum trailers. I am proud that Maine is home to such a vibrant and resilient firm, and I am optimistic for the company's future prospects. Once again, I congratulate Trapper and Tom for being exceptional models for Maine and the Nation, and I wish them and everyone at Alcom all the best for many more successful years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO DEREK JOHNSON

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Derek Johnson, son of Wayne and Nancy Johnson, of Aberdeen, SD. Derek will graduate from Aberdeen Central High School on May 23, 2010.

Derek has a very unique and touching story. He has overcome much adversity to become the positive role model and impressive young leader he is today. While playing for the Aberdeen Central Golden Eagles' high school football team in the fall of 2007, Derek suffered a serious injury that would change life as he knew it. After much contemplation and several extensive surgeries, Derek's lower left leg was amputated. Throughout his struggles, and the long painful recovery process, Derek maintained a positive attitude and steadfast work ethic that served as an inspiration to his teammates, classmates, the community, and entire State of South Dakota.

In March 2009, Derek's invincible attitude and courageous spirit were highlighted when he was selected as one of seven nationwide regional winners of

the National High School Spirit of Sport Award. This award, selected by the National Federation of State High School Associations, is presented to high school athletes, coaches, administrators, managers and trainers that best exemplify the ideals of the positive spirit of sport.

Perhaps nothing embodied Derek's spirit more than when he returned to the athletic field this past school year. He returned to the football team to provide encouragement for his teammates. Through his hard work and determination, he was also able to compete as part of the Aberdeen Central Golden Eagles' varsity wrestling team. As a reflection of his athletic talent and perseverance, Derek earned eighth place in the South Dakota Class A Wrestling Championships.

Throughout his high school career, Derek has served as a shining example and genuine role model. I want to thank Derek for being such a positive influence on all of the lives he has touched and wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors. On behalf of the Aberdeen community, the entire State of South Dakota, and all of us here serving in the U.S. Congress, I am pleased to extend my sincere congratulations to Aberdeen Central's Derek Johnson. This young South Dakotan will continue to be a true hero and inspiration. He has made us all very proud. Congratulations.●

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 which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 9:38 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, 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. 1514. An act to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to reauthorize the juvenile accountability block grants program through fiscal year 2014.

H.R. 2136. An act to establish the Honorable Stephanie Tubbs Jones Fire Suppression Demonstration Incentive Program within the Department of Education to promote installation of fire sprinkler systems, or other fire suppression or prevention technologies, in qualified student housing and dormitories, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2546. An act to ensure that the right of an individual to display the Service Flag on residential property not be abridged.

H.R. 5099. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 15 South Main Street in Sharon, Massachusetts, as the "Michael C. Rothberg Post Office".

H.R. 5139. An act to provide for the International Organizations Immunities Act to be extended to the Office of the High Representative in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the International Civilian Office in Kosovo.

H.R. 5220. An act to reauthorize the Special Olympics Sport and Empowerment Act of 2004, to provide assistance to Best Buddies to support the expansion and development of mentoring programs, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore (Mr. BYRD) announced that he had signed the following enrolled bills, which were previously signed by the Speaker of the House:

S. 1782. An act to provide improvements for the operations of the Federal courts, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5014. An act to clarify the health care provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs that constitutes minimum essential coverage.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 1514. An act to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to reauthorize the juvenile accountability block grants program through fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 2136. An act to establish the Honorable Stephanie Tubbs Jones Fire Suppression Demonstration Incentive Program within the Department of Education to promote installation of fire sprinkler systems, or other fire suppression or prevention technologies, in qualified student housing and dormitories, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 2546. An act to ensure that the right of an individual to display the Service flag on residential property not be abridged; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 5099. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 15 South Main Street in Sharon, Massachusetts, as the "Michael C. Rothberg Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 5220. An act to reauthorize the Special Olympics Sport and Empowerment Act of 2004, to provide assistance to Best Buddies to support the expansion and development of mentoring programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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-5893. A communication from the Acting Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program" (RIN0570-AA71) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 18, 2010; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5894. A joint communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller)