

founded on the railroad lines in 1910. Railroad officials gave it a regal-sounding name, thinking it would become the county seat. Early in its history, Regent was billed as "The Queen City" or "The Wonder City."

My good friend and colleague, a former North Dakota State tax commissioner and current U.S. Senator, BYRON DORGAN is from this great town. Senator DORGAN has never forgotten his roots, and that has helped make him into the highly respected and dedicated public servant that he is.

Today, the Enchanted Highway has brought a larger than life size example of the community's hard work and dedication to the State. The Enchanted Highway is off of Interstate 94 and is approximately 20 miles east of Dickinson, ND. It then extends for 32 miles south to Regent. The world's largest scrap metal sculptures portray part of the countryside's wonder and beauty from "Pheasants on the Prairie" to "Deer Crossing."

The community currently has the luxury of enjoying the finer aspects of life, such as fishing, participating in community activities, or spending time with family. The community's energy can be seen with this year's centennial celebration, filled with the zest and heart of the people. Over 4 days, Regent will be enjoying a watermelon feed, all-school reunion, a dance, parade, choral performances, and many more celebratory events.

Mr. President, I ask the Senate to join me in congratulating Regent, ND, and its residents on their first 100 years and in wishing them well in the future. By honoring Regent and all the other historic small towns of North Dakota, we keep the great tradition of the pioneering frontier spirit alive for future generations. It is places such as Regent that have helped to shape this country into what it is today, which is why this community is deserving of our recognition.

Regent has a proud past and a bright future.●

#### BRADLEY, SOUTH DAKOTA

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to the 125th anniversary of the founding of Bradley, SD. This small town has seen more than its fair share of hardships, but with strength and hard work, the citizens consistently band together to make the town an even better place to live and work.

As the Chicago, Milwaukee, and St. Paul Railroad expanded, the company decided to build a settlement for the workers to get mail delivered. They called it Prairie Hill. Once trains began running, businesses began forming 2 miles south of the original location. With land donated from the McKinney family, Bradley was eventually formed. This small town quickly became a popular location for homesteaders and developed into the largest primary wheat market in the country. In 1891, a fire nearly destroyed the town. Only a cou-

ple of buildings and homes withstood the fire. This strong community rallied together to rebuild their town. Another fire struck in 1916, but 800 volunteers came together, using a bucket brigade to again save the town.

Bradley acquired its name through an interesting turn of events. A group of laborers and a railroad official got in a brawl early one day. W.R. Bradley was visiting the town and saved the life of the chief engineer for construction. He was honored by having the town named after him.

Like a lot of small towns formed in South Dakota at this time, Bradley started as a railroad stop but quickly became more. Bradley is a caring community of people who work together when times get tough. They will honor their historical milestone with a weekend celebration, including craft booth and a food booth, a 5K race, and a softball tournament. I wish them the best for their weekend and their future.●

#### TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM A. RICHARDS

● Mr. REED. Mr. President, today I would like to recognize the accomplishments of William A. Richards—a friend, a colleague, and a dedicated public servant. Bill is retiring this month after nearly half a century of service to the U.S. Army and the Department of Defense. I had the privilege of working with Bill as an instructor at West Point. His lengthy career, as a soldier and as a civilian, truly exemplifies the motto of the Academy—"Duty, Honor, Country."

Bill graduated from West Point in 1967 and served as an infantry officer in Vietnam and Germany. He continued his education at the Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton, receiving a master's degree in public policy. He then returned to West Point to supervise the core curriculum in American Government.

Following his return to West Point, Bill was selected for the prestigious position of speechwriter and executive assistant to NATO's Supreme Allied Commander—Europe. His exceptional work in this position resulted in his next assignment as speechwriter to Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger. Bill held this position until his retirement in 1989, after serving for 22 years in uniform.

Bill then started a second career as a budget analyst in the office of the Under Secretary of Defense, Comptroller, at the Pentagon. His military experience and speechwriting skills enabled him to analyze and translate the complexity of the annual defense budget. After 20 years of serving our Nation in this role, Bill retires as someone who is highly respected for his knowledge, experience, and dedication.

I congratulate him on a job well done. He leaves a proud and enduring legacy of public service. I wish Bill and his wife Donna the very best in the years to come.●

#### MONROE ROTARY CLUB

● Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, today I am proud to recognize the members of the Monroe, LA, Rotary Club who have served our country honorably during war.

I would like to thank Kent Anderson, Edward Cascio, Tom Dansby, Kitty Degree, Donnie Franklin, George Hutchison, John Morris, Walt Pierron, and Barney Tucker for their courageous military service during wartime and for continued civic service in the greater Monroe area.

With the motto "Service Above Self" it is no surprise that these men would be inclined to be a member of Rotary. Their lifetime of service is exhibited not only in service to their fellow citizens during a time of war but also in continued commitment to their community.

Rotary's four-way test asks four questions of all things members think, say, and do. These questions are: Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned? These four simple questions have proven to be excellent guidelines for a life of service. We thank these men for serving the Monroe community with these principles. The Monroe Rotary Club has sponsored many local projects, including Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, youth baseball, the Food Bank of Northeast Louisiana, and the Salvation Army, to name just a few.

Thus, today, I honor these veterans for their distinguished service in the U.S. armed services during wartime, and for their continued service to the State of Louisiana in the Monroe Rotary Club.●

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:45 p.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 bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 5502. An act to amend the effective date of the gift card provisions of the Credit Card Accountability Responsibility and Disclosure Act of 2009.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 5502. An act to amend the effective date of the gift card provisions of the Credit Card Accountability Responsibility and Disclosure Act of 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

#### 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-6217. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Defense,

transmitting legislative proposals relative to the National Defense Authorization Bill for fiscal year 2011; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6218. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to South Korea; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6219. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting a legislative proposal "To Amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to Disestablish the National Response Unit"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6220. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Application of Section 469 to the Section 45D New Markets Tax Credit" (Rev. Rul. 2010-16) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 11, 2010; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6221. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Update of Weighted Average Interest Rates, Yield Curves, and Segment Rates" (Notice No. 2010-47) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 11, 2010; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6222. A communication from the Office Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicaid Program; Final Fiscal Year 2008, Revised Preliminary Fiscal Year 2009, and Preliminary Fiscal Year 2010 Disproportionate Share Hospital Allotments and Final Fiscal Year 2008, Revised Preliminary Fiscal Year 2009, and Preliminary Fiscal Year 2010 Disproportionate Share Hospital Institutions for Mental Disease Limits" (RIN0938-AP66) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2010; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6223. A communication from the Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the classified annex to the Nuclear Proliferation Assessment Statement (OSS Control No. 2010-0734); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6224. A communication from the Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to U.S. Assistance for the Government of Kenya (OSS Control No. 2010-0906); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6225. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed amendment to a technical assistance agreement for the export of defense articles, including, technical data, and defense services for the upgrade of the Iraqi Ministry of Defense communication systems in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6226. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed amendment to a technical assistance agreement for the export of defense articles, including, technical data, and defense services for the delivery, integration, and maintenance of the RF5800V-HH VHF Handheld, RF-5800V-MP VHF Manpack, RF-5800H-MP HF Manpack and the RF-7800S Secure Personnel Radio for end-use by the Sudan's People's Liberation Army Special

Operations Command in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6227. A communication from the Chief Executive Officer, Millennium Challenge Corporation, transmitting proposed legislation relative to the Millennium Challenge Act of 2003; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6228. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program: Eligibility Changes" (RIN3206-AL92) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2010; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6229. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting proposed legislation relative to permitting certain General Schedule Department of the Navy employees to earn an overtime rate that exceeds the overtime hourly rate cap that is normally applicable; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6230. A communication from the Administrator of the Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report from the Office of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2009, through March 31, 2010; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6231. A communication from the Director, Peace Corps, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period of October 1, 2009, through March 31, 2010; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6232. A communication from the Chairman, Board of Governors, U.S. Postal Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report on the Audit, Investigative, and Security Activities of the U.S. Postal Service for the period of October 1, 2009 through March 31, 2010; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6233. A communication from the Director of Regulations Policy and Management, National Cemetery Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "State Cemetery Grants" (RIN2900-AM96) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2010; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mrs. BOXER, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment:

H.R. 4275. To designate the annex building under construction for the Elbert P. Tuttle United States Court of Appeals Building in Atlanta, Georgia, as the "John C. Godbold Federal Building".

By Mr. LIEBERMAN, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment:

S. 1508. A bill to amend the Improper Payments Information Act of 2002 (31 U.S.C. 3321 note) in order to prevent the loss of billions in taxpayer dollars.

## 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. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. RISCH, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. THUNE, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. TESTER, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. ENZI, and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 3485. A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to improve highway mobility in rural States for the benefit of all States; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BROWN of Ohio (for himself, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. FRANKEN, and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 3486. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to repeal the prohibition on collective bargaining with respect to matters and questions regarding compensation of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs other than rates of basic pay, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. UDALL of Colorado:

S. 3487. A bill to amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to provide electric consumers the right to access certain electric energy information, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 3488. A bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to make technical corrections to the segment designations for the Chetco River, Oregon; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself and Mr. WICKER):

S. 3489. A bill to terminate the moratorium on deepwater drilling issued by the Secretary of the Interior; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. WICKER):

S. 3490. A bill to clarify the rights and responsibilities of Federal entities in the spectrum relocation process, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. INOUE:

S. 3491. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for patient protection by establishing safe nurse staffing levels at certain Medicare providers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG:

S. 3492. A bill to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to require the drilling of emergency relief wells, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 3493. A bill to reauthorize and enhance Johanna's Law to increase public awareness and knowledge with respect to gynecologic cancers; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Mr. KOHL):

S. 3494. A bill to prevent mail, telemarketing, and Internet fraud targeting seniors in the United States, to promote efforts to increase public awareness of the enormous impact that mail, telemarketing, and Internet fraud have on seniors, to educate the public, seniors, their families, and their caregivers about how to identify and combat fraudulent activity, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 3495. A bill to promote the deployment of plug-in electric drive vehicles, and for