

As MSD's executive director, Mr. Theerman leads one of the Nation's largest wastewater and stormwater management utilities, providing services to approximately 1.4 million people in the city of St. Louis and St. Louis County. Under his leadership, the MSD currently operates seven wastewater treatment facilities, treating an average of 330 million gallons of water per day and maintaining 9,649 miles of sewers.

Since joining others in founding NACWA 40 years ago, the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District has benefited from its active engagement with the organization. A member of NACWA's board of directors since 2004, Mr. Theerman has served as the organization's secretary, treasurer, and vice president. It is fitting that his election as president coincides with the 40th anniversary of NACWA's advocacy on behalf of the Nation's clean water agencies—and the environment we all value so much.

Mr. Theerman is a great example of accountable and responsible leadership in my State. Under his able leadership, NACWA looks forward to proactively and effectively addressing the complex 21st century water quality challenges we face as a Nation.

On behalf of myself and the people of Missouri, it is my sincere pleasure to congratulate Jeff Theerman on his election as president of NACWA. I am certain his actions will ensure continued water quality progress for St. Louis, MO, and the Nation.●

RECOGNIZING MATHEWS BROTHERS

● Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, today I recognize one of the oldest continually operating businesses in my home State of Maine that has been truly successful at adapting to the changing times. Mathews Brothers has been manufacturing high quality windows and doors in the coastal town of Belfast for over 156 years, showing that resilience, innovation, and hard work can overcome even the worst economic downturns in American history. Currently employing more than 120 individuals, Mathews Brothers provides a prime example of how small businesses can weather economic downturns to emerge stronger time after time.

Mathews Brothers was founded in 1854 as a sawmill and millworks company by brothers Noah Merrill Mathews and Spencer Walcott Mathews. Throughout the years, the firm has set out to add a variety of different products to its repertoire, from blinds and shutters, to coffins and spiral staircases. Today, the company uses state-of-the-art equipment and materials to produce traditional wood, vinyl and contemporary composite windows and doors out of its three manufacturing plants in Belfast, Rockland, and Bangor.

As continual innovators, Mathews Brothers launched Dream Kitchen Stu-

dio in 2008 as a separate division providing windows, doors, and kitchens to businesses, homeowners, and contractors throughout the Midcoast region of Maine. Indeed, the company has been breaking barriers and achieving a host of accomplishments from its inception, including being the largest woman-owned business in Maine at the start of the 20th century, as well as building the *Jennie Flood Kreger*, the largest and only 5-masted schooner ever built in Belfast.

In recent years, Mathews Brothers has sought to improve its business model by cutting costs while maintaining quality. Toward this end, they recently completed a two month train-the-trainer lean manufacturing initiative with the Maine Manufacturing Extension Partnership that instructed 116 employees and helped save the company at least \$75,000. In addition to this critical project, the company has sought to expand into overseas markets to sell its products, including participation in trade missions to Brazil, Korea, and Japan in the past several years.

Furthermore, Mathews Brothers maintains a strong commitment to our environment, as it recycles 100 percent of its scrap glass, vinyl, metal, paper, and cardboard from the manufacturing process. The company also uses a recycling glass washer, helping it save 67,000 gallons per month in water consumption. Leftover sawdust is sent to local farms for use as stall bedding, while scrap wood is sold off as kindling or firewood. The firm takes its role as steward of the land seriously through its membership in the Maine Chapter of the U.S. Green Building Council and the Maine Forest Products Council.

Mathews Brothers has also shown a continued commitment to its local community and actively encourages their employees to engage in community service activities. This commitment originated over a century ago in 1904 with then-President Orlando Frost's commitment to help start up the Waldo County General Hospital. Their employees still volunteer in the oncology department and eagerly participate in the hospital's annual fall oncology walk. Mathews Brothers' commitment to community service was on display again in 2007 when the company raised over \$7,000 to purchase phone cards for soldiers from Maine deployed in Iraq.

Not surprisingly, Mathews Brothers has earned numerous awards for manufacturing and customer service excellence. The firm was recently awarded the Maine Manufacturing Extension Partnership's Manufacturing Excellence Award in June 2010. The award recognizes the company's success in achieving world-class manufacturing status and implementation of best manufacturing practices to stay ahead of the competition, all while maintaining a commitment to loyally serving its customers and assisting the community at large. The company has also

received the Governor's Award for Business Excellence in 1994, and was chosen as the Belfast Area Chamber of Commerce's Business of the Year in 2007, among other distinctions.

While rising to the top of its field over the past century and a half, Mathews Brothers has never forgotten the community that helped it get there. Its consistent and enthusiastic endeavors to serve the community and its customers have not gone unnoticed, and I praise them for their efforts to modernize in the face of globalization, a process which has not been kind to American manufacturers. I thank everyone at Mathews Brothers for their philanthropic efforts and tremendous perseverance, and offer my best wishes for another 150 years of success.●

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 and a withdrawal 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 10:03 a.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. 3923. An act to provide for the exchange of certain land located in the Arapaho-Roosevelt National Forests in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3967. An act to amend the National Great Black Americans Commemoration Act of 2004 to authorize appropriations through fiscal year 2015.

H.R. 3989. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of adding the Heart Mountain Relocation Center, in the State of Wyoming, as a unit of the National Park System.

H.R. 4438. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to expand the boundary of the Park, to conduct a study of potential land acquisitions, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4514. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of designating the Colonel Charles Young Home in Xenia, Ohio as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4686. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating prehistoric, historic, and limestone forest sites on Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as a unit of the National Park System.

H.R. 4773. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease certain lands within Fort Pulaski National Monument, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4973. An act to amend the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 to reauthorize volunteer programs and community partnerships for national wildlife refuges, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 689) to interchange the administrative jurisdiction of certain Federal lands between the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management, and for other purposes.

At 12:27 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 joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.J. Res. 83. Joint resolution approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003, and for other purposes.

At 2:47 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agreed to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 4840) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1979 Cleveland Avenue in Columbus, Ohio, as the "Clarence D. Lumpkin Post Office".

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 3967. An act to amend the National Great Black Americans Commemoration Act of 2004 to authorize appropriations through fiscal year 2015; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 4686. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating prehistoric, historic, and limestone forest sites on Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as a unit of the National Park System; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 4773. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease certain lands within Fort Pulaski National Monument, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 4973. An act to amend the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 to reauthorize volunteer programs and community partnerships for national wildlife refuges, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 5618. An act to continue Federal unemployment programs.

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 3923. An act to provide for the exchange of certain land located in the Arap-

aho-Roosevelt National Forests in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 3588. A bill to limit the moratorium on certain permitting and drilling activities issued by the Secretary of the Interior, and for other purposes.

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-6602. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Homobrassinolide; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 8831-2) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2010; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6603. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Acetic Acid; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 8833-8) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 12, 2010; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6604. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Residues of Quaternary Ammonium Compounds, N-Alkyl (C12-14) Dimethyl Ethylbenzyl Ammonium Chloride; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 8833-2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 12, 2010; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6605. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hexythiazox; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 8833-6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 12, 2010; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6606. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cyazofamid; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 8833-1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 12, 2010; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6607. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Castor Oil, Ethoxylated, Oleate; Tolerance Exemption" (FRL No. 8834-4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 12, 2010; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6608. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, trans-

mitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to violations of the Antideficiency Act in connection with a fiscal year 2009 health care facilities construction project in Nome, Alaska; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-6609. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of General Stanley A. McChrystal, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6610. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of (4) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of major general and brigadier general, as appropriate, in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6611. A communication from the Commission on Wartime Contracting in Iraq and Afghanistan, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Better Planning for Defense-to-State Transition in Iraq Needed to Avoid Mistakes and Waste"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6612. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 65) (Docket No. FEMA-2010-0003)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 13, 2010; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6613. A communication from the Paperwork Clearance Officer, Office of Thrift Supervision, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Unfair or Deceptive Acts or Practices; Amendment" (RIN1550-AC38) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 13, 2010; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6614. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on Dedicated Ethanol Pipeline Feasibility"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6615. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Lead; Clearance and Clearance Testing Requirements for the Renovation, Repair, and Painting Program; Reopening of Comment Period" (FRL No. 8836-1) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2010; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6616. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Deadline for Action on Section 126 Petition from New Jersey" (FRL No. 9174-5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 12, 2010; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6617. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District and South Coast Air Quality Management District" (FRL No. 9172-3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 12, 2010; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.