

The Crow Tribe Water Rights Settlement Act of 2010 ratifies the Crow-Montana Water Rights Compact, which was adopted by the Montana State Legislature in 1999. It establishes tribal water rights and settles claims against the government. The bill provides for funding that will be used to more fully develop tribal water resources. This water compact was endorsed by the administration—one of the first to receive this level of consensus and support.

I commend the tribe and the administration, particularly Chairman Cedric Black Eagle and the Commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation, Mike Connor, and their respective teams for their hard work on this. I also want to thank the Senate Indian Affairs Committee, Chairman DORGAN and Ranking Member BARASSO, for their work reaching consensus. Finally, I want to thank my colleague from Montana, Senator JON TESTER, who has worked so hard to push this through the Senate.

This was truly a bi-partisan effort with cooperation here in the Senate from Senator BINGAMAN, Senator KYL, Senator DORGAN, and Senator GRASSLEY, all of whom worked together and compromised so that we could come together today and do the right thing.

With the House passage of this bill, we are settling decades-old injustices and claims against the government. We are bringing our Nation closer together. I am proud to stand here today, having been a part of making this happen, and I look forward to the day that we see President Obama's signature on this bill.

TRIBUTE TO GREYSON BUCKINGHAM

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Greyson Buckingham for his hard work as an intern in my Washington, DC, office. I recognize his efforts and contributions to my office as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Greyson is a native of Wyoming and graduated from Jackson Hole High School. He currently attends Georgetown University, where he is majoring in history and government and minoring in Spanish and philosophy. Throughout his internship, he has demonstrated a strong work ethic which has made him an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of his work is reflected in his great efforts over the last several months.

I want to thank Greyson for the dedication he has shown while working for me and my staff. It was a pleasure to have him as part of our team. I know he will have continued success with all of his future endeavors. I wish him all my best on his next journey.

TRIBUTE TO IAN LOWE

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I would like to take the opportunity to

express my appreciation to Ian Lowe for his hard work as an intern in my Washington, DC, office. I recognize his efforts and contributions to my office as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Ian is a native of Wyoming and graduated from Campbell County High School. He graduated from the University of Wyoming, where he majored in international studies and environment. Throughout his internship, he has demonstrated a strong work ethic which has made him an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of his work is reflected in his great efforts over the last several months.

I want to thank Ian for the dedication he has shown while working for me and my staff. It was a pleasure to have him as part of our team. I know he will have continued success with all of his future endeavors. I wish him all my best on his next journey.

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT DALEY

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Robert Daley for his hard work as an intern in my Washington, DC, office. I recognize his efforts and contributions to my office as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Robert is a native of Pennsylvania and graduated from Governor Mifflin Public High School. He graduated from American University, where he majored in political science. Throughout his internship, he has demonstrated a strong work ethic which has made him an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of his work is reflected in his great efforts over the last several months.

I want to thank Robert for the dedication he has shown while working for me and my staff. It was a pleasure to have him as part of our team. I know he will have continued success with all of his future endeavors. I wish him all my best on his next journey.

TRIBUTE TO MAX WEISS

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Max Weiss for his hard work as an intern in my Rock Springs office. I recognize his efforts and contributions to my office as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Max is a native of Wyoming and graduated from Rock Springs High School. He attended Leiden University where he received his master's of clinical psychology. Throughout his internship, he has demonstrated a strong work ethic which has made him an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of his work is reflected in his great efforts over the last several months.

I want to thank Max for the dedication he has shown while working for me and my staff. It was a pleasure to have him as part of our team. I know he will have continued success with all of his future endeavors. I wish him all my best on his next journey.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO JOHN P. COLLIER

• Mrs. SHAHEEN. Mr. President, today I congratulate Professor John Collier for being recognized as the 2010 New Hampshire Professor of the Year. This prestigious award recognizes Professor Collier's extraordinary dedication to undergraduate teaching and his positive influence on the lives and careers of his students.

Professor Collier is the Myron Tribus Professor of Engineering at Dartmouth, and has been teaching the introductory engineering course at Dartmouth's Thayer School of Engineering since the 1980s. His course is extremely popular among students because of its emphasis on practical, hands-on skills and problem solving. With Professor Collier's expert guidance, students in his introductory engineering course work in teams to solve real-world engineering problems in creative ways. Many former students of Professor Collier's note that the system of thinking they learned in his classes proved to be not only a cornerstone of their undergraduate educations but also their chosen professions.

Professor Collier is an expert on orthopedic implant design and engineering, and one of the world's foremost researchers on how and why implants fail. Failed implants are sent to his lab by the thousands, and his research is often used by implant manufacturers to improve the quality of their products.

The U.S. Professors of the Year program acknowledges the most exceptional undergraduate instructors in the country—those who stand out in their teaching and are a positive influence on the lives and careers of their students. It is important that we recognize the contributions that dedicated professors like John Collier make in educating young people. I am extremely proud that Professor Collier has been recognized with this distinguished honor.●

TRANSMITTING NOTIFICATION OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AN ALTERNATIVE PAY PLAN FOR LOCALITY PAY INCREASES FOR CIVILIAN FEDERAL EMPLOYEES COVERED BY THE GENERAL SCHEDULE AND CERTAIN OTHER PAY SYSTEMS IN JANUARY 2011—PM 68

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

The law authorizes me to implement an alternative pay plan for locality pay increases for civilian Federal employees covered by the General Schedule

and certain other pay systems in January 2011, if I view the adjustments that would otherwise take effect as inappropriate due to “national emergency or serious economic conditions affecting the general welfare.” Our country faces serious economic conditions affecting the general welfare. As the economic recovery continues, the time has come to put our Nation back on a sustainable fiscal course, an effort that requires tough choices and shared sacrifice. Accordingly, I have determined that it is appropriate to exercise my statutory alternative plan authority under 5 U.S.C. 5304a to set alternative January 2011 locality pay rates. This decision will not materially affect our ability to attract and retain a well-qualified Federal workforce.

Under the authority of section 5304a of title 5, United States Code, I have determined that the current locality pay percentages in Schedule 9 of Executive Order 13525 of December 23, 2009, shall not increase from their 2010 levels. Pursuant to the Non-Foreign Area Retirement Equity Assurance Act of 2009 (sections 1911–1919, Public Law 111–84), I am also establishing applicable 2011 locality pay rates for Alaska and Hawaii that are based on 2010 locality pay levels.

The locality pay rates established in 2010, and continued in 2011 under this alternative plan, are shown in the attachment.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, November 30, 2010.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:38 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. 5877. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 655 Centre Street in Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts, as the “Lance Corporal Alexander Scott Arredondo, United States Marine Corps Post Office Building”.

H.R. 6392. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5003 Westfields Boulevard in Centreville, Virginia, as the “Colonel George Juskalian Post Office Building”.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 5877. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 655 Centre Street in Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts, as the “Lance Corporal Alexander Scott Arredondo, United States Marine Corps Post Office Building”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

S. 3985. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, November 30, 2010, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 3689. An act to clarify, improve, and correct the laws relating to copyrights, 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-8200. A communication from the Acting Director of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 620 in the Gulf of Alaska” (RIN0648–XZ54) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 22, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8201. A communication from the Acting Director of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 610 of the Gulf of Alaska” (RIN0648–XZ81) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 22, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8202. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Protected Resources, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “List of Fisheries for 2011” (RIN0648–AY69) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 17, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8203. A communication from the Acting Director of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies Fishery; Correction to Cod Landing Limit for Handgear A Vessels in the Common Pool Fishery” (RIN0648–XZ44) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 22, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8204. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Revocation and Establishment of Class E Airspace; St. George, UT” ((RIN2120–AA66)(Docket No. FAA–2010–0660)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 22, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8205. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Revocation of Class E Air-

space; Brunswick, ME; and Establishment of Class E Airspace; Wiscasset, ME” ((RIN2120–AA66)(Docket No. FAA–2010–0248)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 22, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8206. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter France Model AS350 B, BA, BI, B2, B3, and D, and Model AS355 E, F, F1, F2, and N Helicopters” ((RIN2120–AA64)(Docket No. FAA–2010–0611)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 22, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8207. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Amendment of Class E Airspace; Jeannette, PA” ((RIN2120–AA66)(Docket No. FAA–2010–0052)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 22, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8208. A communication from the Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the transfer of funds from the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund to the Emergency Fund, which is administered by the United States Coast Guard; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8209. A communication from the Administrator, Research and Innovative Technology Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Transportation Statistics Annual Report 2009”; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8210. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Transportation’s fiscal year 2010 annual financial report; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8211. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the Livestock and Seed Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Sorghum Promotion and Research Program: Procedures for the Conduct of Referenda” (Docket No. AMS–LS–10–0003) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 29, 2010; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8212. A communication from the Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Pistachios Grown in California, Arizona, and New Mexico; Modification of the Aflatoxin Regulations” (Docket No. AMS–FV–10–0031; FV10–983–1 FIR) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 29, 2010; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8213. A communication from the Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Popcorn Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Order; Reapportionment” (Docket No. AMS–FV–10–0010) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 29, 2010; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.