

And as the Space Shuttle Program progressed through breakthroughs and heartbreaks, numerous microgravity experiments have been designed, built, and operated by NASA Glenn and conducted on-orbit on the space shuttle. The results of NASA Glenn experiments have been used to improve fire safety, emissions reduction, energy efficiency, healthcare, and electronics.

On the ground Ohio's NASA engineers explored the universe with Ohio astronauts on-orbit. Nineteen astronauts from Ohio flew on the space shuttle, some multiple times. Former astronaut-turned-U.S. Senator John Glenn flew on STS-95, and STS-70, the "All-Ohio Crew," flew in 1995 with four Ohio natives on the crew, and the fifth crewmember was made an honorary Ohioan.

As we congratulate NASA on the Shuttle Program and honor all those involved in its success, the true measure of the importance of the STS Program will be where NASA goes next.

I have had the privilege to meet many of the scientists, engineers, and workers at NASA Glenn. They are dedicated and compassionate, guided by the scientific patriotism that displays a nation's pursuit in understanding the world in which we all live.

The space shuttle has enabled the United States to continue its leadership in space, science, and technology. I am proud of NASA Glenn's role in the design and testing of the space shuttle, and especially of its leadership in numerous scientific experiments that have been conducted on the space shuttle.

I am confident that both NASA and the United States will refocus to continue to push the boundaries of science—fueling technology advancements and inspiring our children to become the next generation of scientists, engineers, and explorers. NASA Glenn and Ohio will continue to play a major role in that effort.

Our Nation is defined by the spirit of discovery, pushing westward on land, navigating the oceans, and sending humankind into what was once a mere vision seen only through Galileo's eye. We are a nation of explorers. And we all have a responsibility to safeguard that defining American spirit and to inspire a new generation of American explorers.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING WAY WAY STORE

• Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, it is always devastating when a business that has been part of the fabric of a local community closes, whether it is the drycleaner, the candy shop, or the grocery store. That was the case with the Way Way Store in Saco, ME, which closed its doors 8 years ago after nearly 80 years in business. However, due to the entrepreneurial spirit of a local couple, the Way Way Store has re-

cently reopened, reinstating the original store's dedication to offering personal service and affordable products. Today I commend the Way Way Store for its grand reopening and discuss its remarkable history.

The Way Way Store was originally opened in the southern Maine town of Saco in the late 1920s by the Cousens family. Eugene Cousens constructed the store from handmade concrete blocks, an effort that resulted in the building being placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Today, the building's exterior retains its original red-and-white color scheme, and the original cash register still sits atop the counter. Through the 1940s, the Way Way Store was essentially a rest stop for travelers as it offered gasoline, clothing, outhouses, and food. Over time, the Way Way Store began to focus on selling candy and other foods and quickly became a popular local establishment.

Like many other established small businesses, the Way Way Store places a strong emphasis on family. The Cousens family owned the Way Way Store from the time that it opened until Peggy Tyrell and Catherine Cousens decided to close the store in 2003. Eight years later, Peter Scontras, a retired historian and schoolteacher, and his wife Bridget reopened the store last month to much acclaim, thus restoring a local landmark. They remain determined to honor the legacy that the Cousens left behind while adapting to ensure the store's success.

The Way Way Store has been something of an institution in Saco, and the reopening has provoked a strong positive response in the town. People who frequented the Way Way Store before it closed in 2003 are coming back to take in the atmosphere that harkens back to the mid-20th century and to enjoy the wide range of sweets that the store offers. By offering a multitude of traditional favorites like penny-candy and employing original ideas like a takeout ice cream window, the Scontras family has proved to be shrewd business owners, and the new Way Way Store has endeared itself to yet another generation of Mainers.

As many specialty shops fall to the wayside due to competition from larger chains, it is inspiring to see a small business rediscover success and continue its contribution to the local economy. People in the Saco area have expressed their gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. Scontras for reinvigorating a true gem in York County. I join them in thanking the Scontras family for the risk they have taken in opening a small business in this tumultuous economy and commend them on their hard work and dedication to their customers and to the Way Way Store's grand tradition.●

ISABEL, SOUTH DAKOTA

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Isabel, SD. The town of Isa-

bel will commemorate the 100th anniversary of its founding this year.

Isabel was founded in 1911 and named after the daughter of a railroad agent. Located in Dewey County, it was a booming community in the early years when the town served as the last western stop on the Milwaukee railroad. Isabel became a home for settlers looking for a place to successfully raise livestock and farm. Today, the community of Isabel continues to carry on their strong agricultural heritage and grow their local businesses.

Isabel has been a successful and thriving community for the past 100 years, and I am confident that it will continue to serve as an example of South Dakota values and traditions. I would like to offer my congratulations to the citizens of Isabel on this landmark occasion and wish them continued prosperity in the years to come.●

MELLETTE COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Mellette County in South Dakota. Mellette County will commemorate the 100th anniversary of its founding this year.

Mellette County was organized in 1911 and named after Arthur C. Mellette, the first Governor of the State of South Dakota. The county seat, White River, is home to the annual Frontier Days celebration and rodeo. In celebration of the centennial, the communities of Norris, White River, and Wood will be hosting many events to mark this important milestone.

Mellette County has been a successful and thriving example of South Dakota values and traditions for the past 100 years, and I am confident that it will continue that tradition. I would like to offer my congratulations to the citizens of Mellette County on this landmark occasion 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. Pate, 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 appropriate committees.

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

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 2553. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend the airport improvement program, 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-2595. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Carboxymethyl guar gum sodium salt and Carboxymethyl-hydroxypropyl guar; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 8880-5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 20, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2596. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of General Walter L. Sharp, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2597. A communication from the Regulatory Specialist, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Retail Foreign Exchange Transactions" (RIN1557-AD42) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 18, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2598. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, General Law, Ethics, and Regulation, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, (6) reports relative to vacancies within the Department, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 20, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2599. A communication from the President and Chief Executive Officer, Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bank's 2010 Statement on System of Internal Controls, audited financial statements, and Report of Independent Auditors on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2600. A communication from the Chairman of the Office of Proceedings, Surface Transportation Board, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulations Governing Fees for Services" (RIN2140-AB06) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 19, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2601. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Required Warnings for Cigarette Packages and Advertisements" (RIN0910-AG41) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 20, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2602. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the

report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plan Revisions; Infrastructure Requirements for the 1997 8-hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard; Montana" (FRL No. 9440-6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 20, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2603. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Texas; Revisions to Permits by Rule and Regulations for Control of Air Pollution by Permits for New Construction or Modification" (FRL No. 9442-7) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 20, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2604. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Disapproval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plan Revisions; Infrastructure Requirements for the 1997 8-hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard; Wyoming" (FRL No. 9441-5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 20, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2605. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plan Revisions; Infrastructure Requirements for the 1997 8-hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards; Revisions to ARSD Chapter 74:36:09 (PSD); South Dakota" (FRL No. 9441-6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 20, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2606. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plan Revisions; Infrastructure Requirements for the 1997 8-hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard; Colorado" (FRL No. 9442-1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 20, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2607. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plan Revisions; Infrastructure Requirements for the 1997 8-hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard; Utah" (FRL No. 9442-2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 20, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2608. 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 "Applicable Federal Rates—August 2011" (Rev. Rul. 2011-16) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 20, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2609. 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 "Determining the Amount of Taxes Paid for Purposes of the Foreign Tax Credit" (RIN1545-BK40) received in the Office of the President of the Senate

on July 20, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2610. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed export license for the export of defense articles, including, technical data, and defense services related to the sale of M60E4/MK 43 general purpose machine guns, accessories training and spare parts to the Colombian National Police in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2611. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the export of defense articles, including, technical data, and defense services to Singapore for the manufacture of accessory products, fabricated/machined components and assemblies for various U.S.-origin aircraft, vessels and military vehicles in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2612. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the export of defense articles, including, technical data, and defense services to the United Kingdom for the manufacture of Joint Services General Purpose Masks (M50 and M51) in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2613. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Labeling and Effectiveness Testing; Sunscreen Drug Products for Over-the-Counter Human Use" (Docket No. FDA-1978-N-0018) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 20, 2011; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2614. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tobacco Products, Exemptions from Substantial Equivalence Requirements" (Docket No. FDA-2010-N-0646) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 20, 2011; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2615. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Requirements for Fee Disclosure to Plan Fiduciaries and Participants—Applicability Dates" (RIN1210-AB08) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 19, 2011; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2616. A communication from the Assistant Deputy Secretary for Innovation and Improvement, Office of Innovation and Improvement, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Promise Neighborhoods Program" (RIN1855-ZA07) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 19, 2011; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2617. A communication from the Director, Retirement Services, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Customs and Border Protection Officer Retirement"