

LAUNCH OF FIRST RADIOLOGIC-PATHOLOGY CORRELATION COURSE

• Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the launch of the first Radiologic-Pathology Correlation Course presented by the American Institute for Radiologic Pathology, AIRP, at its new Silver Spring, MD, venue. The American College of Radiology created the AIRP to allow radiology resident training to move forward uninterrupted by the Defense Department's closure of the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, AFIP, as part of the Base Realignment and Closure Commission plan. The launch of the AIRP provides an excellent example of the private sector stepping up to help ameliorate the impact that BRAC changes can have on a community.

I am especially pleased that AIRP chose to locate in the newly revitalized historic American Film Institute Silver Theatre and Cultural Center, approximately 2 miles from the former AFIP site. The AFI Silver Theatre is a state-of-the-art education and cultural center anchored by the restoration of noted architect John Eberson's historic 1938 Silver Theatre. Once slated for the wrecker's ball, AFI was saved through the efforts of the local community and reopened in 2003. Its revitalization represents a unique public-private partnership between Montgomery County, MD, and the American Film Institute.

The launch of the AIRP at the AFI Silver Theatre and Cultural Center demonstrates the role the theatre is playing as a major anchor of a redevelopment effort in Montgomery County. Approximately 2,000 physicians annually from around the world are expected to convene in Silver Spring for 4 weeks at a time to participate in AIRP. With courses developed and presented by world-renowned faculty from the most prestigious radiology programs in the country, AIRP will further contribute to Montgomery County's reputation as a leader in medical research and education. I applaud the launch of the AIRP, and I look forward to a long and mutually beneficial relationship between AIRP and the Montgomery County community.●

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT A. DENNIS

• Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I want to take a moment to recognize the retirement this week of Robert A. Dennis, CBO's Assistant Director for Macroeconomic Analysis. Mr. Dennis is retiring after more than 30 years of service at CBO.

He began his career at CBO in 1979, working as a Principal Analyst in CBO's Macroeconomic Division. He was promoted to the position of Deputy Assistant Director of the Division in 1988 and then to the position of Assistant Director of the Division in 1992, where he has served since.

As the head of CBO's Macroeconomic Analysis Division, Mr. Dennis has been

one of the leading economists at CBO and has helped drive the agency's outstanding work. His skills as an economist have been highlighted in the diverse issues he has worked on while at CBO, ranging from macroeconomic effects of tax policy, to the impact of flu epidemics and terrorist disruptions at U.S. ports.

Mr. Dennis has also played a critical role at CBO by developing many of the procedures the Macroeconomic Analysis Division has used to prepare its economic forecasts. He even wrote the computer software that the division used for many years to analyze current economic developments and prepare charts for CBO publications.

Mr. Dennis's excellent work has been recognized throughout his career. In the 1980s, as a principal analyst, he received a CBO Director's Award for outstanding performance. And he has since received a number of awards recognizing his outstanding management at CBO.

Mr. Dennis has exemplified CBO's high standard of professionalism, objectivity, and nonpartisanship. He has worked tirelessly to ensure Congress was given accurate and timely information on the key policy issues of the day.

I thank Robert Dennis and commend him for his many years of dedicated, faithful, and outstanding service to CBO, to Congress, and to the American people. I wish him all the best in his well-deserved retirement.●

REMEMBERING CLIFFORD R. PHILLIPS

• Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I would like to take a few minutes to offer a tribute to Clifford R. Phillips. He passed away on December 3, 2010, at his home in Surprise, AZ. He was an Alaskan fishing legend and a true hero who fought bravely in the European Theater during World War II.

Cliff was born on December 7, 1919, on the west coast of Vancouver Island. His parents, who had originally been involved in the fishing industry in England, had immigrated to British Columbia where they managed a herring saltery. They later moved to Ketchikan where he would, as a very young man, begin his career in Alaskan fisheries. This was the age of "mild cure" salmon, and starting at the age of seven Cliff began learning the family business and the importance of producing a high quality product. He continued to work with his father in the family business through the 1930s.

After seeing the devastation and heartache of the beginning of World War II, Cliff joined the Alaska National Guard. He trained at Chilkoot Barracks in Haines, AK, and was assigned to duties in the Aleutian Islands. He was one of the first to fly into the new military airfield built in the Pribilof Islands, which is located nearly 500 miles off the Siberian coast. The rugged winter saw the Islands iced in. The

base did not receive supplies by ship for some 9 months, but Cliff and his comrades held their ground.

In September 1944, he transferred to the European Theater and joined the Third Army. He participated in the landing at Normandy, and his unit later helped to repel the German offensive in "The Battle of the Bulge." Cliff managed to make it through combat unscathed, and his distinguished service led to his being awarded the Silver Star.

Upon discharge after World War II, Cliff felt the urge to return to Alaska and to his family heritage in the fishing industry. He naturally gravitated back to Ketchikan in southeast Alaska so that he could work in the waters he knew best.

In 1950, the Phillips father-son duo built the E.C. Phillips cold storage plant on Tongass Narrows in Ketchikan. Cliff and his father excelled at increasing capacity, efficiency, and quality. As time went by, the E.C. Phillips product became known for its high quality around the world, and today it is still known as a premier quality product.

After the death of his father, Cliff took charge, but he was no desk bound executive, and standard working hours did not apply to him. During the fishing season he could always be found in the processing area of his plant inspecting the fish and supervising operations. Cliff sold his product by phone and fax from his Alaskan office to the entire United States and around the world. But nothing left the plant until he was satisfied that the fish met the E.C. Phillips quality standard.

Before there was an Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute, Cliff was Alaska's ambassador for seafood, and he traveled far and wide promoting Alaskan seafood products. Cliff remained active in the business well into his eighties, but even after he retired from daily operations and moved to Arizona he maintained frequent contact with the plant and his many friends and customers.

Everyone found Cliff to be a charming man, eloquent and persuasive, but first and foremost he saw it as his mission to insist on high quality for all products which carried the E.C. Phillips brand name. I extend my sincerest condolences to his wife Dixie and his family members. We have all lost a friend, and Alaska's seafood industry has lost a great champion. May he rest in peace.●

REMEMBERING NEVA EGAN

• Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, today I honor the passing of the initial first lady of Alaska, Neva Egan. Desdia Neva McKittrick Egan was born in Wilson, KS, on October 3, 1914. The articulate, effervescent Alaskan served on hospital boards, school boards, worked diligently on community commitments, and continued to attend morning meetings of the Commonwealth

Club in Anchorage for years. Although she was quick to downplay her role in Alaskan history, she had a key position as first lady. Neva also accompanied her husband to Washington, DC, for 19 months during the period when Alaska was being considered for statehood.

In DC it was a time of adjustment, traffic, "hot weather" and big-city living for the girl from small-town Kansas. After her husband, William A. Egan, was elected as Alaska's first Governor, she took great pride in supporting him, as well as all the Alaskan legislators and their families. She was known to invite legislator's children to the Governor's Mansion while living in Juneau during session. Although, Neva rarely spoke publicly about politics, she was the firm shoulder on which many legislators leaned. She was a strong woman that worked hard to care for others behind the scenes when it mattered most.

Neva was the third in a family of four girls and one boy. She graduated from high school in the midst of the Great Depression in 1932 and then worked for a year in her father's grocery store. After a year, she decided to continue her education and attended Kansas State College, but soon transferred to be closer to her sister and aunt at the University of Wyoming. Quickly, she was recruited to teach in Glenrock, WY, for the "fabulous" salary of \$1,000 a year, while her friends were making \$25 a month. Her musical background and teaching career led her to Valdez, where she expected to only stay a year and was told the town was "a little rough." Shortly after she arrived, one of the few local guys with a car, a quiet man, who read the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD for fun in junior high school, expressed interest in Neva. Apparently, the first date was disastrous, but friends recall "love at first sight."

William and Neva Egan were married on November 16, 1940, in Valdez. It was the same month that William was elected to the Alaska Territorial House of Representatives from the Third Judicial Division that started his drive into Alaskan political history. As a Representative, an advocate pushing for statehood in DC, a Governor, and as a family man, there was never any question as to whom William could look to for support. Neva was the rock that held up her family. While overseeing issues, her son, Dennis Egan who was born in 1947, once asked if since Neva is the first lady is he "the first kid?" Well, that "first kid" grew up to be a Juneau radio personality, the former mayor of Juneau, and now a State senator.

Neva was known to start the legislative session with buffet receptions for all the Senators and Representatives and their spouses. She was consistently the rock that others leaned upon; ironing shirts, making beds, and taking the initiative to perform any needed repairs on the Governor's Mansion.

Neva Egan worked hard every day and that resulted in a lifetime of con-

tributions to Alaska. Neva is survived by her son Dennis and daughter-in-law Linda; her granddaughters and their husbands, Jill Egan and Sandy Vergano and Leslie Egan and Tyler Malstrom; and brother Richard McKittrick. Neva was preceded in death by her husband William Egan, daughter Elin Carol Egan, and sisters Helen Spiegelberg, Margaret McKittrick and Josephine Trowbridge. I extend my sympathies to the Egan family and feel blessed to come from the same state where she made such a difference. May she rest in peace.●

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 appropriate committees.

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

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:00 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 514) extending expiring provisions of the USA PATRIOT Improvement and Reauthorization Act of 2005 and Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 relating to access to business records, individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers, and roving wiretaps until December 8, 2011.

The message also announced that pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 4355(a), and the order of the House of January 5, 2011, the Speaker appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the Board of Visitors to the United States Military Academy: Mr. SHIMKUS of Illinois.

MEASURE HELD AT THE DESK

The following measure was ordered held at the desk, by unanimous consent:

S. 223. An act to modernize the air traffic control system, improve the safety, reliability, and availability of transportation by air in the United States, provide modernization of the air traffic control system, reauthorize the Federal Aviation Administration, 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-594. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Citrus Seed Imports; Citrus Greening and Citrus Variegated Chlorosis" (Docket No. APHIS-2008-0052) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 16, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-595. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Limitations on Procurements with Non-Defense Agencies" ((RIN0750-AG67)(DFARS Case 2009-D027)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 15, 2011; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-596. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Repeal of the Small Business Competitiveness Demonstration Program" ((RIN0750-AG44)(DFARS Case 2011-D001)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 15, 2011; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-597. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Publication of Notification of Bundling of Contracts of the Department of Defense" (DFARS Case 2009-D033) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 15, 2011; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-598. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Award-Fee Contracts" ((RIN0750-AF51)(DFARS Case 2006-D021)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 15, 2011; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-599. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report Regarding Effect on Military Readiness Caused by Undocumented Immigrant Trespassing on Operational Ranges—Implementation Update"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-600. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Iran as declared in Executive Order 12957; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-601. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64)(Docket No. FEMA-7917)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 16, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-602. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, General Law, Ethics, and Regulation, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy announcement in the position of Deputy Under Secretary, received