

important markups in its history. As one senior staffer said about Lory's leadership at this time, "She really rescued the committee."

In the nearly 3 years since, Lory Yudin has become a beloved and respected chief clerk, looked up to by everyone as the quintessential Senate professional. And, of course, she has been a great friend to members and staffers alike. For younger staffers, she has been the perfect mix of mentor and mom, someone they turn to for wisdom and counsel.

Lory is very much a member of our Senate family. This is where she met her husband David, as well as so many of her lifelong friends. And while Lory has always been dedicated to her work here in the Senate, there is no question that her family has always come first, especially her son Eli. As we know, Lory is extraordinarily proud of Eli's graduation, just weeks ago, from the University of Michigan.

Today, as Lory begins the next chapter of her life, I join with the HELP Committee's Ranking Member, Senator ENZI, and all the committee's members and staffers in expressing our respect and love for Lory, and our gratitude for a job done with enormous skill and dedication. We wish Lory and her family the very best in the years to come.

HURWITZ NOMINATION

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, yesterday, all time was yielded back on the Hurwitz nomination, post-cloture, and the nominee was then confirmed by voice vote. I was not aware we were going to vote on the nomination by voice. Had I known, I would have requested the yeas and nays. The following Members have informed my staff that if there had been a rollcall vote, they would have voted 'nay' on final confirmation on the nomination of Andrew Hurwitz to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals:

1. Senator Chuck Grassley (R-IA)
2. Senator Orrin Hatch (R-UT)
3. Senator Mike Lee (R-UT)
4. Senator Jeff Sessions (R-AL)
5. Senator Richard Shelby (R-AL)
6. Senator Lindsey Graham (R-SC)
7. Senator Jim DeMint (R-SC)
8. Senator John Cornyn (R-TX)
9. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-TX)
10. Senator Tom Coburn (R-OK)
11. Senator James Inhofe (R-OK)
12. Senator Mitch McConnell (R-KY)
13. Senator Rand Paul (R-KY)
14. Senator John Barrasso (R-WY)
15. Senator Mike Enzi (R-WY)
16. Senator David Vitter (R-LA)
17. Senator Pat Toomey (R-PA)
18. Senator Roy Blunt (R-MO)
19. Senator Johnny Isakson (R-GA)
20. Senator Saxby Chambliss (R-GA)
21. Senator John Thune (R-SD)
22. Senator Pat Roberts (R-KS)
23. Senator Jerry Moran (R-KS)
24. Senator Dan Coats (R-IN)
25. Senator Thad Cochran (R-MS)
26. Senator Roger Wicker (R-MS)
27. Senator James Risch (R-ID)
28. Senator Mike Crapo (R-ID)
29. Senator John Hoeven (R-ND)

30. Senator Mike Johanns (R-NE)
31. Senator Richard Burr (R-NC)
32. Senator Lamar Alexander (R-TN)
33. Senator Bob Corker (R-TN)
34. Senator John Boozman (R-AR)
35. Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL)
36. Senator Dean Heller (R-NV)
37. Senator Ron Johnson (R-WI)
38. Senator Kelly Ayotte (R-NH)
39. Senator Ron Portman (R-OH)

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

VETERANS' HEALTH CARE

• Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize a landmark moment in health care for our veterans. Today is the 25th anniversary of the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Nation's first Veterans' Community Based Outpatient Clinic, CBOC. On June 13, 1987, at the Cary Medical Center in Caribou, ME, Governor John McKernan was joined by Senators George Mitchell and William Cohen, and then-Congresswoman OLYMPIA SNOWE to cut the ribbon of the new clinic. As the first community based outpatient clinic of its kind in the United States, the Caribou clinic served as the proving ground upon which the Department of Veterans Affairs, VA, has built a nationwide health care system that delivers much improved access to care for America's rural veterans. Today nearly 3.5 million veterans, approximately 41 percent of those enrolled in the VA health care system, live in rural areas, many of whom receive care at more than 800 community based outpatient clinics.

The history of the CBOC in Caribou, however, began long before the ribbon cutting, when seven Aroostook County veterans dedicated themselves to the mission of improving access to critical health care services to the veterans living in their communities. To accomplish this goal, they established the Aroostook County Veterans Medical Facility Research and Development, Inc. The initial members were Percy Thibeault, Meo Bosse, John Rowe, Ray Guerrette, Wesley Adams, Walter Corey, and Leonard Woods, Sr.

Over a span of 8 years, they committed themselves to convincing the VA to establish a veterans' health clinic in Caribou. They were joined along the way by other concerned veterans, community members, the Cary Medical Center, and a number of Maine veterans service organizations. Their initiative paid off 8 years later, and today, on the 25th anniversary of their historic accomplishment, they deserve to be recognized. Our veterans in rural areas throughout the United States benefit today from the dedication of this landmark work. CBOCs are a vital part of veteran health services today.

These exemplary seven men battled to ensure that health care services were available to every veteran living in rural areas. That battle, despite the VA's best efforts, goes on.

Rural areas are still underserved in the types of medical treatment avail-

able. In some cases CBOCs don't even have permanent physicians assigned. The Iraq and Afghan wars have created a new generation of combat veterans, many of whom have new medical needs including prosthetic medical treatments, mental health care, and extensive physical therapy needs.

I am encouraged by the VA's renewed commitment to rural health care, and the \$250 million that VA is allocating for programs for rural communities. But I would urge the VA to do more, and expand one program in particular, the Access Received Closer to Home, ARCH, project. ARCH has been tremendously popular in all five of the communities where the pilot program was established. Given Caribou's history, it is especially fitting that Caribou CBOC was selected as one of the five locations.

Our veterans have sacrificed so much for our country. We owe them all that we can to ensure they receive the best care possible. The seven men who fought for the Caribou CBOC knew that, and we honor their dedication to their fellow veterans by carrying on their work.●

TRIBUTE TO PAT BRUCE

• Mr. HELLER. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate Pat Bruce for being presented with the Bureau of Land Management's, BLM, "Making a Difference" National Volunteer Award. Mr. Bruce, a volunteer with the BLM Winnemucca District Black Rock Field Office, has been awarded for his outstanding volunteer service and leadership to preserve and maintain the Silver State's wilderness areas. I am proud to honor a Nevadan who is dedicated to giving back to our community to create a better and brighter tomorrow.

As the field project coordinator for the Friends of Nevada Wilderness, Mr. Bruce has dedicated 6 years to organizing volunteer projects within wilderness areas in the Black Rock Desert, which span over 1 million acres of BLM lands. Hiking in remote areas, Mr. Bruce maps routes and boundaries to create an assessment of current ground conditions. He is also a volunteer supervisor for nonwilderness projects which include the restoration and protection of BLM's Black Rock Desert-High Rock Canyon Emigrant Trails National Conservation Area.

The Silver State is home to vast wildlands and wildlife, which are vital to the character of our State. As a life long Nevadan and an avid outdoorsman, I was raised to respect and appreciate our State's natural surroundings and abundant wildlife. I first enjoyed these great Nevada treasures with my father and have since passed that same respect and appreciation along to my children.

I understand the importance of good stewardship and appreciate Mr. Bruce's dedication to protecting and maintaining Nevada's lands. I am proud to represent him in the Senate and applaud

him for his efforts to provide future generations of Nevadans the same recreational opportunities we enjoy. Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Bruce for his commitment to Nevada.●

RECOGNIZING OAKHURST DAIRY

● Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, in honor of June being National Dairy Month, I rise today to recognize Oakhurst Dairy, located in Portland, ME, for supplying New England with essential vitamins and nutrients. Through its sale of refrigerated milk and dairy products, Oakhurst is committed to producing the highest quality goods sourced from over 70 local farms throughout Maine and northern New England.

National Dairy Month began in 1937 in an effort to promote the immense benefits derived from milk and to stabilize the dairy demand during surplus production. Calcium, potassium, protein, and vitamins A and D are just a few of the indispensable nutrients found in dairy products that help reduce the risk for hypertension, osteoporosis, and certain cancers, while also helping improve weight management, muscle tissue repair, and healthy skin. Although this national campaign only lasts for the month of June, the family-owned Oakhurst Dairy is constantly working to increase awareness of the necessity of these nutrients through community integration and product innovation in northern New England.

Stanley Bennett purchased the Portland dairy farm in 1921, naming the company after a grove of Oak trees found nearby. He promised to provide only the freshest quality products to all of his customers and established the trend of supporting the local community and the environment, practices which still hold true today. Oakhurst Dairy embodies the ideals of entrepreneurialism and encourages this spirit in others by resourcing products from small local farms to create their milks, dairy creams, cheeses, and juices. These products are then distributed to a variety of retailers, including chain grocery stores, and small independent grocery stores, and to foodservice outlets such as schools and restaurants.

Oakhurst understands the importance of providing for its employees and in the 1940s became one of the first businesses in southern Maine to initiate company-paid medical insurance and deferred profit-sharing plans. Since that time, Oakhurst has been devoted to providing for the community at all levels. On the corporate level, every year Oakhurst pledges 10 percent of pretax profits to organizations supporting healthy children and a healthy environment. This company also inspires future generations by giving out numerous scholarships for academic achievements and even promotes the future of the milk industry by spon-

soring 4-H dairy program awards given at agricultural fairs. On the individual level, employees are encouraged to donate their time to fundraising events for nonprofit organizations and are often found serving on local boards, dedicating their leadership skills to inspire valuable changes.

The third generation of the Bennett family has continued to keep Oakhurst thriving, which now employs nearly 240 people. In addition to its headquarters in Portland, there are three distribution facilities located in Maine, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts, each operating to guarantee healthy lives in the communities they serve. Oakhurst Dairy—continuously seeking to improve the dairy industry—has recently begun fortifying their products with beneficial additives such as probiotics and Omega-3, which improve digestion, cardiovascular health, and boost immunity. In addition to product innovation, Oakhurst Dairy has made several truly outstanding achievements, including perfect scores from Federal quality and sanitation inspections, and State awards such as the 2011 Maine Restaurant Association's Allied Member of the Year and the 2010 Maine Grocers Association's Vendor of the Year.

In addition, Oakhurst Dairy insists on making green initiatives a top priority in an effort to minimize their impact on the environment. Within the last decade, the company has largely reduced carbon dioxide emissions and offset fuel oil usage by transforming nearly the entire shipping fleet into biodiesel fuel trucks and installing solar panels in several of its facilities. As a means to ensure product safety and customer satisfaction, Oakhurst became one of the first companies in the U.S. to offer financial incentives to partnering farms for abstaining from treating their cows with artificial growth hormones. Oakhurst continues this practice of avoiding growth hormone additives through their trademarked America's First Farmer's Pledge.

Oakhurst Dairy continues to flourish, even in difficult economic times, thanks to its commitment to innovation and service. Year after year, Oakhurst Dairy has cultivated a winning strategy through its tradition of public service, safeguarding the environment, and keeping New England healthy. As a strong advocate for dairy farm protection, I am proud to extend my best wishes to the entire Oakhurst Dairy operation for their continued success.●

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-6480. 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 "Horse Protection Act; Requiring Horse Industry Organizations To Assess and Enforce Minimum Penalties for Violations" (RIN0579-AD43) (Docket No. APHIS-2011-0030)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 7, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6481. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Review Group, Office of the Secretary, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Selection and Functions of Farm Service Agency State and County Committees" (RIN0560-AG90) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 6, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6482. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs), transmitting legislative proposals and accompanying reports relative to the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6483. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Special Compensation for Members of the Uniformed Services with Catastrophic Injuries or Illnesses Requiring Assistance in Everyday Living Fiscal Year 2012 Report Congress"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6484. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the Department in the position of Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 6, 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6485. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report relative to the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 12938 of November 14, 1994; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6486. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision to the Section 8 Management Assessment Program Lease-Up Indicator" (RIN2577-AC76) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 6, 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6487. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Bureau of Public Debt, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "U.S. Treasury Securities—State and Local Government Series" ((31 CFR Part 344) (Department of the Treasury Circular, Public Debt Series No. 3-72)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 6, 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6488. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prudential Management and Operations Standards" (RIN2590-AA13) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 6, 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6489. A communication from the Deputy Secretary, Division of Investment Management, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Political Contributions by Certain Investment Advisers: Ban