

term health of the industry, scallop fishing had to be further curtailed, but doing so would impose significant additional burdens on hardworking Maine fishermen. Like many entrepreneurs, Ms. Brawn developed a creative plan to help address a serious problem, and acted upon it.

In order to help smaller scale scallop fishermen support themselves and their families as industry output declined, she founded a company to sell their scallops at more lucrative prices by leveraging the unique quality of their freshly caught product. Many dining establishments purchase scallops harvested by large vessels that spend significant periods of time at sea before returning to port. These scallops are certainly of high quality, but they are not as fresh as those harvested by smaller boats that return to port daily. By marketing the scallops caught by fishermen who conduct day-long trips, and delivering them within 24 hours of their being harvested, Maine Dayboat Scallops has succeeded in providing local establishments with a fresher product, and increasing the profit margins of the fishermen with whom it does business.

Maine Dayboat Scallops and Ms. Brawn exemplify the unique effects that small businesses have on Maine's economy. At a time when our Nation faces significant economic challenges, it is inspiring to know that entrepreneurs such as Ms. Brawn continue to draw upon their experience, ingenuity, and energy to develop new businesses that operate to increase the profitability of some of our most crucial and challenged industries. I applaud Ms. Brawn and offer Maine Dayboat Scallops my best regards for their future success.●

#### PIERPONT, SOUTH DAKOTA

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Pierpont, SD. The town of Pierpont will commemorate the 125th anniversary of its founding this year.

The town was founded in 1887 when the Chicago, Milwaukee, and St. Paul Railroad Company was persuaded by area farmers to build a side track to what is now Pierpont. Though much has changed since 1887, Pierpont still relies heavily on agriculture, and area farmers remain a driving force in the community and economy.

Located in Day County, Pierpont has a very proud history and heritage. However, Pierpont residents are also always looking forward and trying to better their community for future generations. They have a reputation for organizing new events to draw visitors to the Pierpont area. This creative and hard-working spirit is certainly something that should make the entire town proud.

The citizens of Pierpont are also incredibly dedicated and devoted to their families, friends, neighbors, and anyone just passing through. They are always ready to lend a hand, a welcome

smile, and help out whenever a need arises. This spirit of stewardship makes it easy to see why so many will be attending Pierpont's 125th anniversary celebration this July.

Pierpont has been a tight-knit community for the past 125 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 Pierpont on this landmark occasion and wish them continued prosperity in the years to come.●

#### 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF REPTILE GARDENS

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Reptile Gardens in Rapid City, SD and congratulate the men and women who have educated the public about wildlife in the State for 75 years with the world's largest reptile zoo. Reptile Gardens was founded in 1937 by Earl Brockelsby, a man renowned for his love and passion for reptiles.

Since its inception, Reptile Gardens has drawn tourists from across the Midwest and the Nation and entertained many with alligator wrestling, exotic bird shows, and snake shows. Reptile Gardens houses many rare species of reptiles and amphibians. Through 75 years of business, Reptile Gardens has seen its Sky Dome set on fire, a flood in 1977 and dwindling numbers due to World War II, and has overcome these obstacles through the strength and determination of its employees.

I would like to commend the men and women at Reptile Gardens for providing the State with 75 years of education and entertainment.●

#### RECOGNIZING MICHAEL P. JOLIN

● Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, earlier this month the Rhode Island Bar Association honored CPT Michael P. Jolin, Esq., with its Victoria M. Almeida Servant Leader Award. I am proud to join in congratulating Mike for this well-deserved distinction.

Mike Jolin has served his country and the people of Rhode Island with competence, courage, and compassion throughout his career. When I was Rhode Island attorney general, I appointed Mike as special assistant attorney general. He went on to serve as the deputy chief of Legal Services for the Rhode Island Department of Business Regulation. In both roles he performed admirably, upholding the laws of our State and protecting our citizens.

Meanwhile, Mike worked with neighbors and local officials in Pawtucket to maintain standards in the city's rental properties and protect tenants' rights as chair of the Pawtucket Nuisance Task Force, and to promote broadly shared economic empowerment for the residents of the Woodlawn neighborhood as a member of the board of the Woodlawn Community Development Corporation. He also served ably on the

board of City Arts, helping to bring art education to the children of Providence.

In the U.S. Army Reserve and Rhode Island National Guard, Mike served as a judge advocate, performing critical legal, administrative, ethical, and regulatory operations and analysis. He was responsible for the creation of the Rhode Island National Guard's first full-time legal assistance program as well as the Rhode Island Bar Association's U.S. Armed Forces Legal Project. These two programs have provided high-quality and often free legal services to hundreds of Rhode Island service men and women, veterans and their families.

Even after deploying to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom with Combined Joint Interagency Task Force 435, Mike remained closely involved with the Armed Forces Legal Project, working from abroad to help address the unmet legal needs of Rhode Island's military women and men.

Now back on American soil, Mike continues to serve Rhode Island, conducting outreach to the veteran and military communities in my Rhode Island office and helping constituents connect with resources of the federal government.

The creed of one of our Armed Forces' special operations units says, "I do not advertise the nature of my work, nor seek recognition for my actions." Mike's work exemplifies this spirit, demonstrating the understanding that mission success absolutely depends on the individual successes of those around him.

On behalf of all the staff in my Providence and Washington offices, I commend CPT Michael P. Jolin, Esq.—in the words of the Victoria M. Almeida Servant Leader Award citation—for his clear demonstration of "the principles and values of servant leadership" and for being "a beacon of light and hope to others by illuminating the path to greater justice for all." We are lucky to have him as part of our team—as are the people of Rhode Island.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Thomas, 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 messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:32 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by

Mrs. Cole, one of its clerks, announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2297) to promote the development of the Southwest waterfront in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4223. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit theft of medical products, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4850. An act to allow for innovations and alternative technologies that meet or exceed desired energy efficiency goals.

H.R. 5625. An act to reinstate and transfer certain hydroelectric licenses and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of certain hydroelectric projects.

## MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 3342. A bill to improve information security, 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-6651. 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; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2011-0993)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 7, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6652. 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; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2011-1066)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 7, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6653. 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; Saab AB, Saab Aerosystems Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2012-0184)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 7, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6654. 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; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2012-0042)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 7, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6655. 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; International Aero Engines AG Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-

2019-1100)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 7, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6656. 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; Piper Aircraft, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2012-0251)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 7, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6657. 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; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2011-1416)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 7, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6658. 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; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2012-0105)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 7, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6659. 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; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2011-1321)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 7, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6660. 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; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2011-1327)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 7, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6661. 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; Hawker Beechcraft Corporation Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2012-0218)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 7, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6662. 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; The Boeing Company Model 767-200, -300, -300F, and -400ER Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2011-0044)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 7, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6663. 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; Burkhart GROB Luft- und Raumfahrt GmbH Powered Sailplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2012-0324)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 7, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6664. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Adminis-

tration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Sicma Aero Seat Passenger Seat Assemblies, Installed on, but not Limited to, ATR-GIE Avions de Transport Regional Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2012-0334)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 7, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6665. 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; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2011-1095)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 7, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6666. 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; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2011-1323)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 7, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6667. 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; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2012-0041)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 7, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6668. 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; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2012-0036)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 7, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6669. 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; Cessna Aircraft Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2011-1413)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 7, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6670. 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; SOCATA Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2012-0250)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 7, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6671. 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; Saab AB, Saab Aerosystems Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2011-1410)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 7, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6672. 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; Pratt and Whitney Canada Turboprop Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2012-0417)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 7, 2012; to the