

welfare and future or how the friendships that developed during his tenure continued and grew and deepened over the years since he left.

There is one other aspect of Frank's service to the Senate as staff director of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee that should be mentioned. If Frank always put public service and the willingness to respond to calls to return to public service above the lures of the private sector, there was one passion that surmounted everything else and that was his love for his family. Frank met his wife Amy while he served on the Energy Committee, and anyone who ever met Frank understood that Amy and his children, from his first marriage and with Amy, were the center of his life.

Our hearts and thoughts in these times go out to Amy and Frank's children and to all their family and to those who were close to him. His presence remains with the institutions he served; and his humor, compassion, and commitment will continue to be a marker for not just our committee, but for public service generally. His family and multitude of friends lost a good and faithful man, but they all remain the richer for having known him for the many years, both in and out of government, that they shared with him.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING THOS. MOSER CABINETMAKERS

• Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, in his famous essay titled "Courage," Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote that he most admired those "who can organize their wishes and thoughts in stone and wood and steel and brass." In our time, when so much is mass produced and temporary, we have a special regard for the craftsmen and women who turn the materials provided by nature into objects of beautiful form and lasting function.

I rise today to congratulate the craftsmen and women of Thos. Moser Cabinetmakers of Auburn, ME, as they celebrate the 40th anniversary of this remarkable company. With skill and creativity, they transform black cherry, maple, ash, and walnut into fine furniture that is recognized worldwide as the pinnacle of the woodworkers' art.

This story of success driven by the pursuit of excellence began in 1972, when Tom Moser left the secure life of a college professor to follow his dream to revive the craftsmanship of woodworkers of the past. With his wife Mary, they set up shop in an old Grange Hall in New Gloucester, ME.

They met the challenges faced by all entrepreneurs with determination. Soon, their sons joined them in the growing business. Today, 70 skilled men and women work in their modern woodshop in Auburn and another 50 in other aspects of the operation, includ-

ing showrooms in major American cities, from New York and Washington, DC, to Los Angeles and San Francisco.

When Tom and Mary Moser founded this company, they did more than revive quality woodworking—they were pioneers in Maine's thriving creative economy. From cutting-edge technology to the arts, these visionaries are moving our State forward, building new industries and new opportunities.

This segment of the creative economy truly defines Maine. The resurgence of furniture making, cabinetry, pottery, and textiles bring the past alive and remind us of the special quality of something made by hand in Maine. The talented designers and woodworkers of Thos. Moser Cabinetmakers create objects that bring pleasure today and will be treasured heirlooms for generations to come. I congratulate the Moser family and all their employees for 40 years of success.●

RECOGNIZING PORTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

• Mr. MERKLEY. Mr. President, today I wish to congratulate Portland Community College in Portland, OR on its 50 years of delivering high-quality education. Portland Community College has consistently demonstrated its devotion to an accessible education for everyone, serving more than 1.3 million college-age residents in a five-county area in Northwest Oregon.

Simply put, the education offered at Portland Community College creates a pathway to the middle-class for so many Oregonians. Students of all ages and backgrounds rely upon this college to improve skills for either career or personal reasons, explore opportunities, complete a high school degree or GED, work towards a bachelor's degree, or complete a certificate or technical degree. Portland Community College's mission has always been to create a foundation of long term vitality by supporting a broad range of needs in northwest Oregon.

Fifty years of commitment to accessible life long learning opportunities has produced more than 1.3 million educated members of the Oregon community and our Nation—members who, thanks to PCC, are prepared to attain the American dream. To Preston Pulliams, the district president of Portland Community College, and to the faculty and students of PCC, congratulations on a half century of academic excellence.●

RECOGNIZING THE ALASKA SPORTS HALL OF FAME

• Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the Alaska Sports Hall of Fame. Since the body's inception in 2006 and its first class of inductees in 2007, the Alaska Sports Hall of Fame has educated Alaskans and visitors, honored and preserved memories in Alaskan sports, and pro-

moted a healthy youth population by providing activities that will inspire children to strive for success in their own lives. The Hall's mission is to teach, honor, and inspire.

Beyond that core mission, the Alaska Sports Hall of Fame has done much to promote the accomplishments of the world-class athletes in the great state of Alaska. The 23 Hall of Fame inductees through 2012 have stacked up tremendous accomplishments, but there is, perhaps above all else, a single thread that binds the inductees together: a love and respect for Alaska.

Dr. Bradford Washburn, without ever actually living in-State, was certainly an honorary Alaskan. He traversed the North Country in more than 70 trips and strapped himself into the open door of a low-flying plane for aerial photographic work of the great State of Alaska. The legendary "Huslia Husler," George Attila, was a ten-time Fur Rondy sled dog champion and motivated crowds that included a strong rivalry with Roland "Doc" Lombard. Carlos Boozer, born in Juneau, played for the Crimson Bears at Juneau-Douglas High School, compiling a 95-12 career record and winning back-to-back Class 4A State titles in 1997 and 1998, before moving on to be an NBA All-Star. Reggie Joule, the greatest practitioner of the blanket toss in the long history of the World Eskimo-Indian Olympics, captured more than 30 medals in the 2-foot high kick, greased pole walk, arm pull, and other events, earning the title "Mr. Olympics."

The Alaska Sports Hall of Fame depicts an understanding that goes beyond the basic tenets of its own stated mission. It is a way to honor the Alaskan way of life and to depict Alaskan exceptionalism. Mark Schlereth, 2008 Alaska Sports Hall of Fame inductee and 3-time Super Bowl Champion, described the Alaskan bond as special and a true source of pride.

After the sweat, the injuries, the memories, the failures and accomplishments, the true value of sport goes far beyond the statues and medals. Sport brings friends and family together it can make teammates of complete strangers. It provides youth with positive role models, promotes healthy lifestyles, and teaches life skills.

The Alaska Sports Hall of Fame reminds us of the positive attributes of sport, but equally important is highlighting and respecting the Alaskan way of life. Events such as the Iditarod, the Great Alaska Shootout, and the World Eskimo-Indian Olympics showcase the great State of Alaska and who we are as a people.

There is so much to celebrate and commemorate in Alaska. The Alaska Sports Hall of Fame provides an opportunity to demonstrate excellence in athletic endeavors by exceptional Alaskans.●

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

S. 2105. A bill to enhance the security and resiliency of the cyber and communications infrastructure of the United States.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 2111. A bill to enhance punishment for identity theft and other violations of data privacy and security.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Ms. STABENOW for the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

*Bruce J. Sherrick, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation.

*Chester John Culver, of Iowa, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation.

*Michael T. Scuse, of Delaware, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services.

*Michael T. Scuse, of Delaware, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. TESTER):

S. 2110. A bill to settle claims of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe by authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to convey mineral rights in the State of Montana, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. LEAHY:

S. 2111. A bill to enhance punishment for identity theft and other violations of data privacy and security; read the first time.

By Mr. BEGICH (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts, Mr. MANCHIN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. LEAHY, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. AYOTTE, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. TESTER, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. CASEY, Mr. PRYOR, and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 2112. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to authorize space-available travel on military aircraft for members of the reserve components, a member or former member of a reserve component who is eligible for retired pay but for age, widows and widowers of retired members, and dependents; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mrs. HAGAN:

S. 2113. A bill to empower the Food and Drug Administration to ensure a clear and effective pathway that will encourage inno-

vative products to benefit patients and improve public health; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. TESTER):

S. 2114. A bill to prohibit the Department of Homeland Security from procuring certain items directly related to the national security unless the items are grown, reprocessed, reused, or produced in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. WICKER:

S. Res. 376. A resolution commemorating the 225th anniversary of the signing of the Constitution of the United States and recognizing the contributions of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution and the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BROWN of Ohio (for himself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. WICKER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. PRYOR, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. REID, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. LEVIN):

S. Res. 377. A resolution recognizing the 50th anniversary of the historic achievement of John Herschel Glenn, Jr., in becoming the first United States astronaut to orbit the Earth; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. LUGAR, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. NELSON of Nebraska):

S. Res. 378. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that children should have a safe, loving, nurturing, and permanent family and that it is the policy of the United States that family reunification, kinship care, or domestic and intercountry adoption promotes permanency and stability to a greater degree than long-term institutionalization and long-term, continually disrupted foster care; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 82

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 82, a bill to repeal the sunset of the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 with respect to the expansion of the adoption credit and adoption assistance programs, to repeal the sunset of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act with respect to increased dollar limitations for such credit and programs, and to allow the adoption credit to be claimed in the year expenses are incurred, regardless of when the adoption becomes final.

S. 296

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 296, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to

provide the Food and Drug Administration with improved capacity to prevent drug shortages.

S. 501

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. FRANKEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 501, a bill to establish pilot projects under the Medicare program to provide incentives for home health agencies to utilize home monitoring and communications technologies.

S. 641

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 641, a bill to provide 100,000,000 people with first-time access to safe drinking water and sanitation on a sustainable basis within six years by improving the capacity of the United States Government to fully implement the Senator Paul Simon Water for the Poor Act of 2005.

S. 645

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 645, a bill to amend the National Child Protection Act of 1993 to establish a permanent background check system.

S. 1023

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1023, a bill to authorize the President to provide assistance to the Government of Haiti to end within 5 years the deforestation in Haiti and restore within 30 years the extent of tropical forest cover in existence in Haiti in 1990, and for other purposes.

S. 1880

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1880, a bill to repeal the health care law's job-killing health insurance tax.

S. 1980

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1980, a bill to prevent, deter, and eliminate illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing through port State measures.

S. 2010

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2010, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions.

S. 2051

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2051, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans.

S. 2099

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, the names of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) and the