

Ed is now retired from Deaf West Theater, but he is by no means retiring. He says, "The theater is still my baby." He plans to remain actively involved, as Deaf West continues to strive toward its goal of providing an exhilarating theatrical experience for all audiences, regardless of hearing or signing ability.

Regrettably, it will not be possible for me to join with Ed's many other admirers as they come together to honor him next month in California. But I, too, want to express my great respect for Ed Waterstreet's excellence as a performer and artistic leader, and for his passionate commitment to creating new opportunities for aspiring deaf performers not only on stage but also in film and television. I wish Ed and his wife, Linda Bove, all the very best in the years ahead.●

TRIBUTE TO DR. FRED HAWTHORNE

● Mr. BLUNT. Madam President, today I wish to honor Dr. Fred Hawthorne, who recently was named as a recipient of the National Medal of Science for his important research involving the use of the chemical element boron in the treatment of cancer, arthritis, and other diseases. On February 1, 2013, Dr. Hawthorne will be one of only 22 recipients from across the country receiving the award from President Obama in a ceremony at the White House. This recognition certainly is well-deserved.

As the director of the International Institute of Nano and Molecular Medicine at the University of Missouri, as well as the Curators' Distinguished Professor of Chemistry and Radiology, Dr. Hawthorne has pioneered the field of boron research throughout his impressive career. The National Medal of Science, the highest award the country can bestow upon our scientists, is a fitting recognition of his critically important and innovative work.

Having grown up in Missouri and Kansas, Fred Hawthorne enrolled in 1944 as a chemical engineering student at the Missouri School of Mines and Metallurgy, now the Missouri University of Science and Technology. Hawthorne later transferred to Pomona College in California, where he completed his degree in chemistry. In 1953, he earned his Ph.D. from UCLA for his work in organic chemistry. In the following years, Hawthorne's work took him across the country—from Iowa to Alabama, Pennsylvania to Massachusetts—before returning him to UCLA in 1969, where he continued his groundbreaking research for more than 37 years.

Upon retiring from his academic career at UCLA in 2009, Hawthorne returned once again to Missouri to help build MU's International Institute of Nano and Molecular Medicine. Thanks to Hawthorne's direction, this research center is an international leader in the field of boron neutron capture therapy, the cell-selective radiation method he

helped pioneer. His work has shown incredible promise in developing noninvasive treatments for cancer and other diseases. As a cancer survivor myself, I am especially grateful for the treatments Dr. Hawthorne is exploring to help the many people whom the disease affects.

Fred Hawthorne's years of dedicated research certainly have made lasting contributions to the fields of science and medicine. I thank him again for his important work and congratulate him on this hard-earned recognition.●

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 Committee on the Judiciary.

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

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

S. 201. A bill to prohibit the sale, lease, transfer, retransfer, or delivery of F-16 aircraft, M1 tanks, or certain other defense articles or services to the Government of Egypt.

S. 204. A bill to preserve and protect the free choice of individual employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, or to refrain from such activities.

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-239. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Styrene-2-Ethylhexyl Acrylate Copolymer; Tolerance Exemption" (FRL No. 9367-2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-240. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2-Pyrrolidone, 1-ethenyl-, polymer with ethenol; Tolerance Exemption" (FRL No. 9376-1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-241. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Alpha-Cypermethrin; Pesticide Toler-

ances" (FRL No. 9376-1A) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-242. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Homeland Defense and Americas' Security Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to assistance provided by the Department of Defense (DoD) for sporting events during calendar year 2012; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-243. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the elimination of the 1994 Direct Ground Combat Definition and Assignment Rule; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-244. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 67) (Docket No. FEMA-2013-0002)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-245. 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-2013-0002)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-246. 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-2013-0002)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-247. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of the Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Inflation Adjustment of Civil Money Penalty Amounts" (RIN2501-AD59) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-248. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards, Test Procedures for Roof Trusses" (RIN2502-A172) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-249. A communication from the Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Exemptions for Security-Based Swaps" (RIN3235-AL17) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-250. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to operation of the Exchange Stabilization Fund (ESF) for fiscal year 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-251. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant

to law, the report of a rule entitled “Endangered and Threatened Species; Threatened Status for the Arctic, Okhotsk, and Baltic Subspecies of the Ringed Seal and Endangered Status for the Ladoga Subspecies of the Ringed Seal” (RIN0648–XZ59) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-252. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Endangered and Threatened Species; Designation of a Nonessential Experimental Population for Middle Columbia River Steelhead above the Pelton Round Butte Hydroelectric Project in the Deschutes River Basin, OR” (RIN0648–BB04) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-253. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Endangered and Threatened Species; Threatened Status for the Beringia and Okhotsk Distinct Population Segments of the *Erignathus barbatus* nauticus Subspecies of the Bearded Seal” (RIN0648–XZ58) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-254. A communication from the Chief of the Recovery and State Grants Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Termination of the Southern Sea Otter Translocation Program” (RIN1018–AX51) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-255. A communication from the Chief of the Listing Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for Lost River Sucker and Shortnose Sucker” (RIN1018–AX41) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-256. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Texas; Beaumont/Port Arthur Ozone Maintenance Plan Revision to Approved Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets” (FRL No. 9775–2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-257. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Minnesota; Flint Hills Resources Pine Bend” (FRL No. 9774–4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-258. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, San Joaquin Valley United Air Pollution Control District” (FRL No. 9771–3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2013; to the

Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-259. 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 “Information Reporting by Domestic Entities under Section 6038D with Respect to Specified Foreign Financial Assets” (Notice 2013–10) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-260. 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 “Qualified Zone Academy Bond Allocations for 2012 and 2013” (Notice 2013–3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-261. 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 “Correction to Revenue Procedure 2013–6 Employee Plans Determination Letters” (Announcement 2013–13) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-262. 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 “Health Insurance Premium Tax Credit” (TD 9611) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-263. 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 “Optional Safe Harbor Method for Deducting Expenses Attributable to Business Use of a Home” (Rev. Proc. 2013–13) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. LEVIN for the Committee on Armed Services.

Air Force nomination of Maj. Gen. William H. Etter, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. Kenneth E. Tovo, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Col. Barbara R. Holcomb, to be Brigadier General.

Army nomination of Col. Patrick D. Sargent, to be Brigadier General.

Army nominations beginning with Brig. Gen. Brian C. Lein and ending with Brig. Gen. Nadja Y. West, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 22, 2013.

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, for the Committee on Armed Services I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORDS on the dates indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar, that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Air Force nomination of Kory D. Bingham, to be Major.

Air Force nominations beginning with Michael A. Cooper and ending with Susan Michelle Miller, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 23, 2013.

Air Force nominations beginning with Victor Douglas Brown and ending with Rodney M. Waite, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 23, 2013.

Air Force nominations beginning with Walter S. Adams and ending with Carl E. Supplee, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 23, 2013.

Air Force nominations beginning with John J. Bartrum and ending with George L. Valentine, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 23, 2013.

Air Force nominations beginning with Kimberly L. Barber and ending with Janet L. Setnor, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 23, 2013.

Air Force nominations beginning with Dina L. Bernstein and ending with William R. Youngblood, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 23, 2013.

Air Force nominations beginning with Timothy Lee Bringer and ending with Christopher J. Ryan, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 23, 2013.

Air Force nominations beginning with Francis Xavier Altieri and ending with Kevin M. Zeller, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 23, 2013.

Army nomination of Jonathan A. Foskey, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nomination of Marion J. Parks, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Karen A. Pike, to be Colonel.

Army nominations beginning with Derek S. Reynolds and ending with Brian D. Vogt, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 23, 2013.

Army nominations beginning with Edward A. Figueroa and ending with Michael C. Vanhoven, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 23, 2013.

Army nominations beginning with Jack C. Mason and ending with Todd B. Waytashek, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 23, 2013.

Army nominations beginning with Ruth E. Aponte and ending with Michael J. Zinno, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 23, 2013.

Army nominations beginning with Leslie E. Akins and ending with Marc W. Zelnick, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 23, 2013.

Army nominations beginning with Timothy G. Abrell and ending with John A. Zulfer, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 23, 2013.

Army nominations beginning with Rafael E. Abreu and ending with R010075, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 23, 2013.

Marine Corps nomination of Jackie W. Morgan, Jr., to be Major.

Marine Corps nomination of Dana R. Fike, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Marine Corps nomination of Samuel W. Spencer III, to be Lieutenant Colonel.