

habitat conservation organization, helping to ensure the long-term sustainability of the river.

Bob and two of his friends, Senator Ted Stevens and Bix Bonney, utilized KRSA to start the Kenai River Classic, an invitational fishing tournament held each August. The tournament has brought in elected officials and industry leaders from across America, educating them about the Kenai River and its needs. It has raised over \$25 million for conservation of the local watershed, enabling the rehabilitation of critical fish spawning habitat, opportunities for youth, and better access to the river for both subsistence and sportfishing.

“Alaska’s Sport Fish Ambassador” was true to his name and title, but family and friends were the driving force in his life. Bob met his wife Jeanie in 1973 at a dinner party in Girdwood; they dated and got married on New Year’s Eve in 1974 on a sailing schooner in Kawela Bay off Oahu. Since the vessel was “just outside the limits,” their marriage license lists the latitude and longitude, instead.

Bob always had big ideas for Alaska. He couldn’t walk through a room without taking up one cause or other. He followed through, helping to build our young State. But Bob was always happiest holding court at his home, “River Presence,” on the Kenai, surrounded by his family and friends.

Bob is survived by 4 grown children, 10 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren, and leaves a remarkable legacy, from economic development to philanthropy, to world-class fishing on the Kenai River. My family and I knew Bob for decades, were proud to call him our friend, and are grateful for all he did to enrich our great State.●

TRIBUTE TO YUFEI CHEN AND RICHARD ZHU

● Mr. PADILLA. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize outstanding academic achievement on the world stage by none other than two California students. Earlier this month, the 2023 International Biology Olympiad—IBO—showcased the remarkable talents and encyclopedic knowledge of pre-university students in the field of theoretical and laboratory biology.

To even qualify was a challenge, but after competing in a field of 44 States, over 600 schools, and nearly 10,000 students at the national competition and then competing among their peers from over 80 countries at the international level, two California students stood out. Richard Zhu of North Hollywood Senior High School earned a silver medal, while Yufei Chen of University High School in Irvine not only earned a gold medal, he earned the highest score in the world.

Both students demonstrated a remarkable intellect, a refreshing passion in the field of STEM, and an example for every other California student to follow to achieve their dreams. I

can’t wait to see where their talents will lead them next.

Congratulations, once again, to Yufei Chen and Richard Zhu, on the hard-earned and well-deserved recognition.●

400TH ANNIVERSARY OF PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

● Mrs. SHAHEEN. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the city of Portsmouth, NH, on the 400th anniversary of its first European settlement.

Historians trace Portsmouth’s earliest New World beginnings to the 1623 arrival of David Thomson. With a 6,000-acre land patent in hand from the Council for New England, David and his wife Amias Cole Thomson stepped ashore and constructed a settlement known as Pannaway Plantation. The name is thought to mean “place where the water spreads out” in the language of the Abenaki, one of the many Tribes that inhabited, hunted, and farmed the land and fished local waters long before the Thomsons arrived in Little Harbor. Pannaway found success as a fishing outpost; however, the Thomsons and their crew left for another settlement in Boston Harbor just a few short years later. A new group of settlers directed by Captain John Mason and led by Captain Walter Neale would return in 1630 and establish a colony along the Piscataqua River known as Strawberry Banke. The port facilitated trade that served fishing, lumber, and shipbuilding interests. It was officially incorporated as the town of Portsmouth in 1653, an homage to the English town in Hampshire County where Captain Mason lived.

In these early years, Portsmouth rose to prominence as a major center for commerce and government. It was the colonial capital of New Hampshire, and its dwellings housed wealthy merchants as well as hunters, trappers, fishermen, shipbuilders, and other skilled crafters. Portsmouth also played a pivotal role in our country’s fight for independence. Four months before shots were fired in Lexington and Concord, a group of local men captured Fort William and Mary, a military post that guarded access to the waters of Portsmouth Harbor and the Piscataqua River, and distributed its gunpowder to towns around the colony. Many historians consider the raid as one of the first acts of overt defiance in the American Revolution.

The new Nation also relied on Portsmouth’s expertise in shipbuilding to build vessels for the Continental Navy. Captain John Paul Jones lived in Portsmouth while supervising construction of the USS *Ranger*. The first ship to fly the American flag into battle, the USS *Raleigh* was built on nearby Badger’s Island. The *Raleigh* is proudly depicted on New Hampshire’s State flag and the Great Seal of the State of New Hampshire.

The area’s rich heritage of shipbuilding as well as the deep, ice-free waters of Portsmouth Harbor made it

an ideal location for a Federal navy yard. In 1800, President John Adams established the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. It is the U.S. Navy’s oldest continuously operating shipyard in the country, and its current workforce is responsible for overhauling and repairing America’s modern submarine fleet. In the early 20th century, the shipyard and the city welcomed delegates from Russia and Japan to negotiate an end to the countries’ year-and-a-half-long conflict. They arrived in Portsmouth in August 1905 at the suggestion of President Theodore Roosevelt, who received a Nobel Prize for his efforts to broker an end to the Russo-Japanese War. In Portsmouth, President Roosevelt could count on both the naval shipyard to observe diplomatic protocols and the people of the city to act as gracious hosts to both delegations. The friendly, relaxed environment proved conducive to securing the first international treaty to be signed on U.S. soil and an agreement that set the tone for Pacific relations in the century to follow.

Portsmouth has witnessed so much since its first European settlement, and city residents understand the social, cultural, and economic benefits of preserving and celebrating this history. Its charming downtown retains and blends four centuries of unique buildings, architecture, landmarks, and community spaces, including the 1695 Sherburne House at Strawberry Banke Museum, the 1716 Warner House, the 1784 Governor John Langdon House, the 1855 reconstruction of the iconic North Church, the 1878 rebuilding of the Music Hall, and 1954 creation of Prescott Park. Efforts to sustain these treasures and more have positioned the city as a popular heritage tourism destination with a thriving arts and culture scene, boutique shops, and a variety of local restaurants and cafes. They have also reinvigorated a sense of community among Portsmouth residents by bringing to light their shared history and the city’s distinct local character.

Within these efforts, city residents devote special attention to giving voice to the generations of people who contributed to Portsmouth’s long, complex story with little or no recognition in previous town histories. They carefully consider and pay respect to the Native Tribes—the Abenaki, the Pennacook, the Wabanaki peoples, and more—who inhabited the area for thousands of years prior to European contact. Local museums share the experiences and perspectives of immigrants across the centuries who were drawn to Portsmouth with prospects for a better life. The city is home to the Black Heritage Trail of New Hampshire, an organization that strives to build communities that are more inclusive by promoting awareness and appreciation of African-American history, as well as the Portsmouth African Burying Ground. After years of discussion and deliberation by a city-organized committee, the 18th

century gravesite was rededicated in 2015 as a park titled “We Stand In Honor of Those Forgotten.” The site is now a sobering memorial that encourages reflection on the full, unvarnished history of the region.

Around the 300th anniversary of its first European settlement, the city of Portsmouth worked alongside the local chamber of commerce to create a new slogan that would attract new industry and accentuate the high quality of life for residents of the community. They settled on “The City of the Open Door,” an expression that conveys optimism and invites people of every faith, every culture, and every background to the city to help write the next memorable chapter of Portsmouth’s long and impressive story. City residents continue to exemplify this ethos a full century later. I congratulate the city of Portsmouth on this important milestone and wish the community all the best as it celebrates its past and looks forward to its bright future.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Stringer, 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.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Ali, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 682. An act to facilitate access to electromagnetic spectrum for commercial space launches and commercial space reentries.

H.R. 752. An act to require SelectUSA to coordinate with State-level economic development organizations to increase foreign direct investment in semiconductor-related manufacturing and production.

H.R. 1176. An act to amend the Taiwan Allies International Protection and Enhancement Initiative (TAIPEI) Act of 2019 to provide that the United States, as a member of any international organizations, should oppose any attempts by the People’s Republic of China to resolve Taiwan’s status by distorting the decisions, language, policies, or procedures of the organization, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1345. An act to amend the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Organization Act to establish the Office of Policy Development and Cybersecurity, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1684. An act to require the Secretary of State to submit an annual report to Con-

gress regarding the ties between criminal gangs and political and economic elites in Haiti and impose sanctions on political and economic elites involved in such criminal activities.

H.R. 2544. An act to improve the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3203. An act to impose sanctions with respect to Chinese producers of synthetic opioids and opioid precursors, to hold Chinese officials accountable for the spread of illicit fentanyl, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4470. An act to extend the authorization of the Chemical Facility AntiTerrorism Standards Program of the Department of Homeland Security.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The President pro tempore (Mrs. MURRAY) announced that on today, July 26, 2023, she had signed the following enrolled bill, which was previously signed by the Speaker of the House:

H.R. 1096. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 250th Anniversary of the United States Marine Corps, and to support programs at the Marine Corps Heritage Center.

At 4:01 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2670. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2024 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 682. An act to facilitate access to electromagnetic spectrum for commercial space launches and commercial space reentries; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 1176. An act to amend the Taiwan Allies International Protection and Enhancement Initiative (TAIPEI) Act of 2019 to provide that the United States, as a member of any international organizations, should oppose any attempts by the People’s Republic of China to resolve Taiwan’s status by distorting the decisions, language, policies, or procedures of the organization, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 1345. An act to amend the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Organization Act to establish the Office of Policy Development and Cybersecurity, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 3203. An act to impose sanctions with respect to Chinese producers of synthetic opioids and opioid precursors, to hold Chinese officials accountable for the spread of illicit fentanyl, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 1684. An act to require the Secretary of State to submit an annual report to Congress regarding the ties between criminal gangs and political and economic elites in Haiti and impose sanctions on political and economic elites involved in such criminal activities.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mrs. MURRAY, from the Committee on Appropriations:

Special Report entitled “Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2024” (Rept. No. 118-78).

By Mr. MANCHIN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with amendments:

S. 873. A bill to improve recreation opportunities on, and facilitate greater access to, Federal public land, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 118-79).

By Mr. SCHATZ, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, with an amendment:

S. 950. A bill to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to make a technical correction to the water rights settlement for the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Reservation, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 118-80).

By Mr. SANDERS, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 265. A bill to reauthorize the rural emergency medical service training and equipment assistance program, and for other purposes.

By Mr. CARPER, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment:

S. 1278. A bill to designate the Federal building located at 985 Michigan Avenue in Detroit, Michigan, as the “Rosa Parks Federal Building”, and for other purposes.

S. 1381. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, through the Coastal Program of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, to work with willing partners and provide support to efforts to assess, protect, restore, and enhance important coastal landscapes that provide fish and wildlife habitat on which certain Federal trust species depend, and for other purposes.

By Mr. SANDERS, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment:

S. 1844. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to reauthorize user fee programs relating to new animal drugs and generic new animal drugs.

By Mr. CARPER, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment:

S. 2195. A bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to reauthorize the diesel emissions reduction program.

S. 2395. A bill to reauthorize wildlife habitat and conservation programs, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following executive report of a nomination was submitted:

By Mr. WARNER for the Select Committee on Intelligence.

*Michael Colin Casey, of Kentucky, to be Director of the National Counterintelligence and Security Center.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee’s commitment to