Commissioner Casey for as long as I have known him. As he retires from public service, I join with others throughout the Northwest in thanking Commissioner Casey for his years of service and his steadfast belief in the unique value of public power.●

TRIBUTE TO WILMA JINKS

●Mr. PRYOR. Mr. President, it is with the greatest pleasure that I rise today to honor Wilma Jinks, of Piggott, AR, who is celebrating her 100th birthday.

Wilma grew up on a farm north of Piggott, AR. Her rural location required her to walk 2 miles for school daily, an incomprehensible feat in the modern age of transportation, but to Wilma, it was something you just had to do. As you will see, this approach to life would serve Wilma well in later years. Following her graduation from Piggott High School in 1930, Wilma went on to serve as deputy county clerk. In this capacity, Wilma and her colleague, Ruth Ballard, would make town history when they issued 101 marriage licenses in one day, leaving some to joke that Piggott should change its name to ''Marrying Town''. It was not long after that Wilma would join those 101 newlyweds. In 1935, she would meet her future husband, Harold, while working as a secretary in his brother's office. They would remain devoted to each other until his death in 1995.

In 1962, President Kennedy appointed Harold as director of the Postmasters and Rural Appointments Division of the United States Post Office, and in April of the same year, Harold and Wilma moved to Washington, D.C. While in the District, the Jinks enjoyed the same social circles as the Nation's leaders, and routinely attended the same events as President Kennedy and President Johnson. Yet, Wilma and Harold still missed Arkansas. After four years of rubbing elbows on the national stage, they moved back to Piggott in April of 1966 and partnered with former Arkansas Governor Orvil Faubus in purchasing Piggott's newspaper, The Piggott Banner in 1967.

Even after Harold's retirement, there was no slowing down ''Team Jinks''. Wilma and Harold's can do attitude was infectious throughout the State, earning the friendship of every major officeholder in Arkansas, as well as two of our Nation's great leaders, President Carter and President Clinton. Senator Dale Bumpers said of Harold ''if the term yellow-dog' were in the dictionary, Harold Jinks would be listed as the definition.'' Harold went on to form several grassroots organizations in Arkansas and served as chairman of the Arkansas Joint Legislative Committee of the National Retired Teachers Association and AARP. Wilma was proudly by his side for every step.

Mr. President, Wilma Jinks truly is one of Arkansas's gems and we are blessed to have her. I ask my colleagues to join me today in congratulating Wilma Jinks as she and her family celebrates her 100th birthday.●

RECOGNIZING THE BANKERY

● Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, our Nation's entrepreneurs understand the rigors and fears of starting a new business from scratch. The creativity, adaptability, and courage it takes to open a business are immense. However, because of that risk and uncertainty, the rewards seem all the greater. The drive and determination required of a new business can be seen prevalently in the entrepreneurs of my home State of Maine. Many of today's businesses create a meeting ground where classic and traditional meets the new and innovative; refurbishing nostalgia and revamping tradition. I rise to recognize a business steeped in history which embraces the challenges of today with youthful vigor.

The Bankery located in downtown Skowhegan, ME seamlessly blends antique charm and history with an innovative repurposing of space. Opened in 2008 by owners Michael Hunt, graduate from the University of Maine, and Matthew DuBois, alumnus of the Connecticut Culinary Institute, The Bankery is more than a classic bakery. The sweets and confections of this bakery are kept under lock and key, literally. The Bankery is housed in a renovated bank that was built in 1864. The owners preserved the history of the architecture by carefully restoring the original vaults and displaying many nostalgic mementos from the building's original purpose.

After expanding from a simple menu of classic baked goods to include meal items such as soups, sandwiches, and meat pies, The Bankery continues on an upward and outward trajectory. In 2010, Michael and Matthew acquired their next door neighbor, Skowhegan Fleuriste, a florist and formal wear shop. Now they offer a one-stop-shop for many events. It is their ambition and continued desire to pursue the next challenge and grow in new ways that gives them a competitive edge and is so characteristic of Maine's small business owners.

With an eye to the future and a nod to the past, The Bankery has met the challenges of growing a new business with excellence. I know that, through their hard work and delicious products, this Skowhegan staple will continue to flourish. I offer Matthew and Michael and everyone at The Bankery congratulations on their success and best wishes for a sweet future.●

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 appropriate committees.

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

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:55 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, 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. 316. An act for the relief of Ester Karinge.

H.R. 357. An act for the relief of Corina de Chalup Turcinovic.

H.R. 794. An act for the relief of Allan Bolor Kelley.

H.R. 823. An act for the relief of Maria Carmen Castro Ramirez and J. Refugio Carreno Rojas.

H.R. 824. An act for the relief of Daniel Wachira.

H.R. 1857. An act for the relief of Bartosz Kumor.

H.R. 6582. An act to allow for innovations and alternative technologies that meet or exceed desired energy efficiency goals, and to make technical corrections to existing Federal energy efficiency laws to allow American manufacturers to remain competitive.

At 12:34 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, 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. 6634. An act to change the effective date for the Internet publication of certain financial disclosure forms.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 316. An act for the relief of Esther Karinge; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 357. An act for the relief of Corina de Chalup Turcinovic; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 794. An act for the relief of Allan Bolor Kelley; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 823. An act for the relief of Maria Carmen Castro Ramirez and J. Refugio Carreno Rojas; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 824. An act for the relief of Daniel Wachira; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 1857. An act for the relief of Bartosz Kumor; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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–8427. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Alkyl(C8-C18) dimethylamidopropylamines; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance'' (FRL No. 9369–2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 29, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.