Jen Tyll, who own and operate Pat's Pizza Old Port located in Portland, ME.

Chris and Jen Tyll are graduates of the U.S. Naval Academy. Chris is a former Navy SEAL and platoon leader, and served four tours in Iraq. Chris and Jen have 23 years of military experience between them and have completed six deployments in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

Chris first visited Maine at the age of 18 while visiting with his Naval Academy roommate. He fell in love with the State and believed Maine would be a great place to raise a family. After moving around the country and living in eight States, the Tylls decided to establish roots in Maine. As Chris transitioned out of the military, he knew he wanted to own a business. Subsequently, he opened a Pat's Pizza in the heart of Portland's Historic Old Port in 2009.

The original Pat's Pizza, located in Orono, is an undeniable favorite of University of Maine students. It has been said that an education at the University of Maine at Orono is not complete without sampling a pizza from Pat's. Pat's Pizza is known for its sauce, developed by the founder, which gives its pizza a distinct home-grown flavor. The dough is made fresh daily, delivering customers the same authentic taste in every location. Pat's Pizza Old Port offers the same great Pat's taste and all of the amenities Mainers and their families have come to enjoy.

While Pat's Pizza Old Port provides Chris the opportunity to be a successful business owner, he has not forgotten his former comrades and finds time to reach out to veterans. Chris understands the challenges that await current veterans as they transition from the military into civilian life. He is the chairman of the new Portland Veterans Network, a Portland Regional Chamber of Commerce program. The network offers free career assistance to veterans of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, including mentoring, wellness services, resume writing and interview skills training, and chamber membership. At its heart, the program consists of pairing 50 Portland-area veterans with business leaders who will act as mentors, introducing the veterans at networking events and guiding them in their job search.

I applaud Chris and Jen Tyll for demonstrating the leadership and can-do attitude that are truly a reflection of the talent and entrepreneurial spirit found in my home State of Maine. As we pay tribute to our servicemembers on Veterans Day, I offer my gratitude and congratulations to our Nation's veteran-owned small businesses and extend my best wishes to Chris, Jen, and Pat's Pizza Old Port for their continued growth and success.●

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 2:33 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, without amendment:

S. 1956. An act to prohibit operators of civil aircraft of the United States from participating in the European Union's emissions trading scheme, and for other purposes.

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

H.R. 6371. An act to amend title 40, United States Code, to transfer certain functions from the General Accountability Office to the Department of Labor relating to the processing of claims for the payment of workers who were not paid appropriate wages under certain provisions of such title.

H.R. 6586. An act to extend the application of certain space launch liability provisions through 2014.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 1238(b)(3) of the Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001 (22 U.S.C. 7002), as amended by division P of the Consolidated Appropriations Resolution, 2003 (22 U.S.C. 6901), the Minority Leader re-appoints the following member on the part of the House of Representatives to the United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission: Mr. Michael Wessel of Falls Church, Virginia.

At 4:30 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2606) to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to allow the construction and operation of natural gas pipeline facilities in the Gateway National Recreation Area, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 6371. An act to amend title 40, United States Code, to transfer certain functions from the General Accountability Office to the Department of Labor relating to the processing of claims for the payment of workers who were not paid appropriate wages under certain provisions of such title; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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–7921. A communication from the Secretary of the Senate, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the receipts and expenditures of the Senate for the period from April 1, 2012 through September 30, 2012, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2012; ordered to lie on the table.

EC–7922. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Trifloxystrobin; Pesticide Tolerances'' (FRL No. 9360–9) received during adjournment of Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 31, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–7923. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Residues of Fatty Acids, Tall-Oil, Ethoxylated Propoxylated; Tolerance Exemption'' (FRL No. 9365–4) received during adjournment of Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 31, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–7924. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Calcium Gluconate; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance'' (FRL No. 9362–4) received during adjournment of Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 31, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–7925. A communication from the Director of the Policy Issuances Division, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Additional Changes to the Schedule of Operations Regulations'' (RIN0583–AD48) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 24, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–7926. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Reserve Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a proposed change by the Air Force Reserve to the Fiscal Year 2011 National Guard and Reserve Equipment Appropriation (NGREA) procurement; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC–7927. A communication from the Attorney, Legal Division, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Electronic Fund Transfers (Regulation E); Final Rule'' ((RIN3170–AA15) (Docket No. CFPB–2011–0009)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on Oct 31, 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–7928. A communication from the Attorney, Legal Division, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Electronic Fund Transfers (Regulation E)''