

are a hard-working people, creative and sincere. The fervent, spirited people of West Virginia invigorate all aspects of the greater American society and culture.

With the world turning to a newer high technology economy, West Virginia remains at the forefront with its strong contributions to biometrics through its growing network of biometrics companies, government agencies and universities. While West Virginia contributes in the global economy, our traditional industries of coal, steel, timber, and chemicals continue proudly as the base of our economy. Some of our finest academic institutions offer strong programs in engineering, physics and medicine, which contribute to our growing success in new fields such as biometrics technology and development. Also, with the ever-expanding broadband internet, more West Virginians are joining the internet community. Particularly in the classroom, the presence of high-speed internet is keeping West Virginian students worldly and capable in this age of technology.

Now, as we stand at the gateway of the 21st Century, I am honored to recognize West Virginia's 141st birthday, and I am enormously proud to be a West Virginian.●

#### IN RECOGNITION OF ALAN MILBAUER'S RETIREMENT

● Mr. CARPER. Madam President, I pay tribute today to Alan Milbauer upon his retirement as vice president of public affairs for AstraZeneca. His dedication has won him the respect of coworkers and friends alike, along with the gratitude of many in our State. He has been, and remains, a trusted friend.

A native of Brooklyn, NY, Alan was born on August 30, 1943, to Francis and Irving Milbauer. He received his early education in Brooklyn and went on to earn degrees in pharmacy and law at the University of Connecticut in 1965 and 1968, respectively.

Alan has spent most of his career in the pharmaceutical industry, except for a brief experience in the field of consumer marketing research. He began his industry experience as attorney for the Pharmaceuticals Research and Manufacturers of America, PhRMA, before coming to Delaware and joining Zeneca Pharmaceuticals—then Atlas Chemicals—in 1969. In 1976, he was appointed director of regulatory affairs. He became vice president of planning in 1985 and vice president of marketing in 1991. Prior to the merger of Astra and Zeneca, Alan served as vice president of external affairs for Zeneca Pharmaceuticals.

As a member of the U.S. AstraZeneca leadership team, Alan's responsibilities include Federal and State government affairs, corporate external communications, public relations and ally development, corporate and community affairs, and public policy. As a major international healthcare business en-

gaged in the research, development, manufacturing and marketing of pharmaceuticals and healthcare services, Alan has provided strong leadership and served as a role model to many. According to friends, he has been described as the "conscience" for the company. He has long sought to ensure that AstraZeneca was mindful of its corporate responsibility to the community. Alan brought the human side to the corporate world. He also played a role in helping bring AstraZeneca's United States headquarters to Delaware during my years as Governor.

Alan serves as a board director for the Delaware Theatre Company, Delaware Public Policy Institute, and is a trustee of the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia. He is also a member of the board of directors of the Vox Medical Center for Patient Education and Health Literacy, and is a member of the Connecticut Bar. Alan's leisure interests include travel, theater, reading, and playing golf.

Alan and his wife of 37 years, Nancy, live in Wilmington, DE. They have three children, Karen, Stephen and Jennifer, and two grandchildren, twins Jacob and Rachel.

Through Alan's efforts, he has made a real difference in the lives of thousands of individuals and enhanced the quality of life for our State. Upon his retirement, he will leave behind a legacy of commitment to public service for both his children and grandchildren and for others to follow. I thank him for the friendship that we share, and I congratulate him on a remarkable and distinguished career. I wish him and his family only the very best in all that lies ahead for each of them.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 1:24 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, 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. 4567. An act making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4568. An act making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes.

At 6:15 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 1848. An act to amend the Bend Pine Nursery Land Conveyance Act to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to sell the Bend Pine Nursery Administration Site in the State of Oregon.

S. 2238. An act to amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 to reduce losses to properties for which repetitive flood insurance claim payments have been made.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 458. Concurrent resolution directing the Secretary of the Senate to make technical corrections in the enrollment of the bill S. 2238.

The message further announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276d, clause 10 of rule I, and the order of the House of December 8, 2003, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the United States Delegation of the Canada-United States Interparliamentary Group: Mr. HOUGHTON of New York, Chairman, Mr. DREIER of California, Mr. SHAW of Florida, Mr. STEARNS of Florida, Mr. MANZULLO of Illinois, Mr. SMITH of Michigan, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. SOUDER of Indiana, and Mr. TANCREDO of Colorado.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 4568. An act making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

H.R. 4567. An act making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4520. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to remove impediments in such Code and make our manufacturing, service, and high-technology businesses and workers more competitive and productive both at home and abroad.

#### 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-8028. A communication from the Chief, Policy and Rules Division, Office of Engineering and Technology, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Review of Part 15 and other Parts of the Commission's Rules" (FCC04-98) received on June 15, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8029. A communication from the Deputy Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "In the Matter of Linceline and Link-Up" (FCC04-87) received on June 15, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8030. A communication from the Legal Advisor, International Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "In the Matter of Amendment of the Commission's Space Station Licensing Rules and Policies; 2000 Biennial Regulatory Review—Streamlining and Other Revisions of Part 25 of the Commission's Rules Governing the Licensing of, and Spectrum Usage by, Satellite