

would like to recognize the parish officials who appointed and oversaw the Commission. Finally, I would like to thank the citizens of Wards 8 and 9 who contributed hard earned tax dollars to fund the construction of this state-of-the-art complex.

I look forward to the wide array of events and conventions that will begin pouring into the Northshore Harbor Center. And I look forward to the many new visitors it will attract to another wonderful parish in Louisiana.●

CONGRATULATING MAX MEYER

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I wish to congratulate a young man named Max Meyer. At the age of 14, Max was recently declared the winner of PAX TV's "America's Most Talented Kids." His winning performance before a television audience exemplified his gift of playing the piano while singing a rendition of Frank Sinatra's "The Lady is a Tramp."

Max's accomplishments on the piano are truly impressive, but his talent does not stop there. Max also plays six other instruments, including the harmonica, kazoo, guitar, French horn, drums, and the trumpet.

I have had the pleasure of hearing Max perform on many occasions. His talent and dedication to music are nothing less than inspirational. I am proud to join Max's friends and family in congratulating him on his many and most recent accomplishments.●

CONGRATULATING JENSI KELLOGG-ANDRUS

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I rise to congratulate an extraordinary educator from Watertown, SD. Jeni Kellogg-Andrus, South Dakota's Teacher of the Year, was recently honored at a conference here in Washington, DC. I would like to take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt congratulations to her.

Jensi is a bright light in a profession of illuminators. Her unwavering dedication to her students' education and development is remarkable. Jensi takes the time to adapt her lesson plans to each individual learning style and strives to help each student achieve their personal goals.

Jensi's career has spanned 16 years and I wish her many more years of continued excellence. It gives me great pleasure to congratulate Jensi for her many and most recent accomplishments.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, 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 nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:16 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. 485. An act to provide that the royalty rate on the output from Federal lands of potassium and potassium compounds from the mineral sylvite in the 5-year period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act shall be reduced to 1.0 percent, and for other purposes.

H.R. 540. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Newlands Project Headquarters and Maintenance Yard Facility to the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District.

H.R. 627. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 40 Putnam Avenue in Hamden, Connecticut, as the "Linda White-Epps Post Office".

H.R. 938. An act to establish the Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area in the State of Connecticut and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1046. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to contract with the city of Cheyenne, Wyoming, for the storage of the city's water in the Kendrick Project, Wyoming.

H.R. 1760. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard in Madison, Wisconsin, as the "Robert M. LaFollette, Sr. Post Office Building".

H.R. 2107. An act to amend Public Law 104-329 to modify authorities for the use of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Maintenance Fund, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 201(b) of the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6431 note), amended by section 681(b) of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 2003 (22 U.S.C. 2651 note), and the order of the House of January 4, 2005, the Speaker reappoints the following individuals on the part of the House of Representatives to the Commission on International Religious Freedom: Ms. Nina Shea of Washington, D.C., for a 2-year term ending May 14, 2007, to succeed herself, and Ms. Felice Gaer of Paramus, New Jersey, for a 2-year term ending May 14, 2007, to succeed herself upon the recommendation of the Minority Leader.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 485. An act to provide that the royalty rate on the output from Federal lands of potassium and potassium compounds from the mineral sylvite in the 5-year period begin-

ning on the date of the enactment of this Act shall be reduced to 1.0 percent, and for other purposes; to the committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 540. To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Newlands Project Headquarters and Maintenance Yard Facility to the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 627. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 40 Putnam Avenue in Hamden, Connecticut, as the "Linda White-Epps Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Government Affairs.

H.R. 938. An act to establish the Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area in the State of Connecticut and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1760. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard in Madison, Wisconsin, as the "Robert M. LaFollette, Sr. Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 2107. An act to amend Public Law 104-329 to modify authorities for the use of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Maintenance Fund, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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. 1046. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to contract with the city of Cheyenne, Wyoming, for the storage of the city's water in the Kendrick Project, Wyoming.

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-2191. A communication from the Associate Deputy Administrator for Government Contracting and Business Development, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a request for an extension to complete a report relative to the Minority Small Business and Capital Ownership Program participants that is due on April 30 of each year; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-2192. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Illinois Regulatory Program" (Docket No. IL-104-FOR) received on May 16; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2193. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Commonwealth of Virginia; Emission Standards for Solvent Cleaning Operations Using Non-Halogenated Solvents" (FRL No. 7913-5) received on May 16, 2005; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2194. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office