

students with a notebook computer. It is also home to the Traill County Technology Center, a business incubator.

Mayville celebrated its 125th anniversary with a weekend of events that included parades, auctions, an all-school reunion, and community breakfasts.

Mr. President, I ask the Senate to join me in congratulating Mayville, ND, and its residents on their first 125 years and in wishing them well through the next century. By honoring Mayville and all the other historic small towns of North Dakota, we keep the great pioneering frontier spirit alive for future generations. It is places such as Mayville that have helped to shape this country into what it is today, which is why this fine community is deserving of our recognition.

Mayville has a proud past and a bright future.●

THE LIFE OF LEON EPSTEIN

● Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, today I wish to honor the memory of Leon Epstein, someone who contributed a great deal to the University of Wisconsin and the study of political science, and someone I was proud to know.

Leon, who passed away on Tuesday, was a native Wisconsinite who gave back to our State through his dedicated work both as a scholar and an administrator at UW. Born in 1919 in Beaver Dam, he went on to study at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where he earned a B.A. and then an M.A. in economics. He then spent virtually his entire academic career on the Madison campus, where for 40 years he was a beloved fixture in the political science department—a department from which I was proud to graduate. He made an impact on countless students as he taught introductory courses and supervised doctoral dissertations for four decades.

Throughout his life, Leon remained dedicated to his own research and independent work. He received many prestigious fellowship grants and published six books. He was widely recognized for his book "Political Parties in Western Democracies," which received the first book award from the Political Organizations and Parties Section of the American Political Science Association. He also served as president of the Midwest Political Science Association, the British Politics Group, and the American Political Science Association.

Leon also held the position of dean of the College of Letters and Science from 1965 to 1969. In every capacity, Leon earned the respect and friendship of those with whom he worked. He was someone I admired, both for who he was and for the many outstanding contributions he made to the study of political science. He leaves behind a great legacy. People will study his work for many years to come. And those of us who knew him will remember a man of tremendous character who gave so

much to a university and a State that he loved. He will be greatly missed.●

THE RETIREMENT OF JIM BARR

● Mr. KOHL. Mr. President, today I wish to honor my friend, James Barr III, a respected citizen of Wisconsin and a distinguished business executive, who has served with integrity and distinction as president and chief executive officer of TDS Telecommunication Corporation since 1990. Mr. Barr is stepping down from his position with TDS later this year.

Jim Barr has built a strong business model for TDS Telecom that is widely admired and emulated in the corporate world. Under his leadership, TDS Telecom has become a strong customer-focused organization that has won numerous customer service awards, including the prestigious JD Power and Associates annual award for exceptional customer care. He has created a vigorous and vital business organization with over 3,200 employees serving 1.2 million customers in 29 States. The company is now the sixth largest independent telephone company in the Nation.

Jim Barr has given of his personal time not only in his service to several national telecommunications industry boards but to numerous prestigious public service organizations, including the United Way of Dane County, WI.

Jim Barr has been an exemplary leader. His efforts have brought a higher quality of life to the people who have served with him and to the community he has served. He is, however, first and foremost, a loving and supportive husband to Joan, his wife of 45 years, a caring and understanding father to his four children, and a proud and devoted grandfather to eight grandchildren.

Mr. President, I therefore honor Jim Barr today for his outstanding contributions to the telecommunications industry as well as Wisconsin. He is a visionary and a builder, leader and a mentor, a beloved husband, father, and grandfather, and I am proud to call him my friend.●

TRIBUTE TO DR. WALTER F. MORRISON, JR.

● Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I wish to recognize and pay tribute to Dr. Walter F. Morrison, Jr., Deputy Director of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Research and Development Center, ERDC, in recognition of his exceptional contributions to the Nation. Dr. Morrison will soon retire with over 30 years service to the Nation as a U.S. Army soldier and civilian leader. His efforts over these years and his most recent leadership in integrating and restructuring the Corps of Engineers Research and Development has been exceptional and will have a significant, long-term positive effect on the lives of our soldiers in combat and the safety of our citizens.

Dr. Morrison was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army and served on active duty at the former Ballistic Research Laboratory, BRL as a first lieutenant and captain after graduating in physics from the Georgia Institute of Technology Reserve Officer Training Program in 1976. Upon completion of his military service he continued with the BRL as a civilian employee. Over the next several years he took on positions within the lab of ever increasing responsibility culminating in an assignment as the chief of the Terminal Effects Division with the responsibility for advanced lethality and survivability mechanisms, concepts, and designs for future Army land warfare systems.

In 1998, Dr. Morrison was selected as a member of the Senior Executive Service and assigned as the director for research and laboratory management, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army, Acquisition, Logistics and Technology. There, he was responsible for the Army Basic Research, Applied Research programs for the Army Research Laboratory, Army Research Institute, Corps of Engineers, and Simulation, Training and Instrumentation Command, as well as several Army-wide programs including Environment Quality Technology, Manufacturing Technology, and Army High Performance Computing. He also oversaw laboratory management policy for all Army laboratories and research centers.

Dr. Morrison has over 80 technical publications. He was elected a fellow of the Ballistic Research Laboratory in 1992 and has been awarded the Department of the Army Decoration for Exceptional Civilian Service Award, the Department of the Army Meritorious Civilian Service Award, the Army Superior Civilian Service Award, the Army Research and Development Achievement Award, and the Army Engineer Association Bronze and Silver de Fleury Medals. He received the bachelor's, masters and doctorate degrees in physics from the Georgia Institute of Technology.

Throughout his career, Dr. Morrison demonstrated a profound commitment to the Army, the Corps of Engineers, and the Nation. He is a consummate professional whose performance in over 30 years of service has personified those traits of competency and integrity that our Nation has come to expect of its senior civilian leaders.

I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Dr. Morrison for his honorable service to the U.S. Army and the Nation. We wish him and his family Godspeed and all the best in the future.●

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.)

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 2389. An act to amend title 28, United States Code, with respect to the jurisdiction of Federal courts over certain cases and controversies involving the Pledge of Allegiance; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 3085. An act to amend the National Trails System Act to update the feasibility and suitability study originally prepared for the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail and provide for the inclusion of new trail segments, land components, and campgrounds associated with that trail, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 4075. An act to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to provide for better understanding and protection of marine mammals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 4894. An act to provide for certain access to national crime information databases by schools and educational agencies for employment purposes, with respect to individuals who work with children; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 5013. An act to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to prohibit the confiscation of firearms during certain national emergencies; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 5187. An act to amend the John F. Kennedy Center Act to authorize additional appropriations for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 5534. To provide grants from moneys collected from violations of the corporate average fuel economy program to be used to expand infrastructure necessary to increase the availability of alternative fuels; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 5646. An act to study and promote the use of energy efficient computer servers in the United States; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 459. Concurrent resolution providing for an adjournment or recess of the two Houses; to the Committee on Appropriations.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

H.R. 4157. To promote a better health information system.

H.R. 4890. To amend the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 to provide for the expedited consideration of certain proposed rescissions of budget authority.

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-7759. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "International Fisheries; Pacific Tuna Fisheries; Restrictions for 2006 Longline Fisheries in the Eastern Tropical Pacific Ocean; Fishery Closure" (RIN0648-AT33) received on July 27, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7760. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries off West Coast States; Coastal Pelagic Species Fisheries; Annual Specifications; Pacific Sardine Fishery" (RIN0648-AT76) received on July 27, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7761. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Spiny Dogfish Fishery Management Plan; 2006-2008 Specifications" (RIN0648-AT59) received on July 27, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7762. A communication from the Acting Director, Domestic Fisheries Division, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Squid in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (ID 071706A) received on July 27, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7763. A communication from the Acting Director, Domestic Fisheries Division, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Ocean Perch in the Western Aleutian District of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (ID 071406C) received on July 27, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7764. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Yellowfin Sole in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (ID 071306C) received on July 27, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7765. A communication from the Acting Director, Domestic Fisheries Division, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pelagic Shelf Rockfish in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (ID 071406B) received on July 27, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7766. A communication from the Acting Director, Domestic Fisheries Division, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Northern Rockfish in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (ID 071406D) received on July 27, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7767. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, De-

partment of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (ID 071306D) received on July 27, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7768. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled "Management Decisions and Final Actions on Office of Inspector General Audit Recommendations" for the period ending March 31, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7769. A communication from the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the activities of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization for 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation.

EC-7770. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Fisheries and Habitat Conservation, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Marine Mammal; Incidental Take During Specified Activities (Beaufort Sea)" (RIN1018-AT82) received on July 31, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7771. A communication from the Director, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Direct Investment Surveys: BE-577, Direct Transactions of U.S. Reporter with Foreign Affiliate" (RIN0691-AA57) received on August 1, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7772. A communication from the Acting Director, Domestic Fisheries Division, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Ocean Perch in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (ID 070606A) received on August 1, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7773. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands King and Tanner Crab Fishery Resources; Crab Economic Data Reports" (RIN0648-AU44) received on August 1, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7774. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Ocean Perch in the Eastern Aleutian District of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (ID 070506A) received on August 1, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7775. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Allocating Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands King and Tanner Crab Fishery Resources" (ID 033106A) received on August 1, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.