

CONGRATULATING CAITLIN
SNARING

• Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I congratulate Caitlin Snaring, a bright young woman from my home State of Washington. Today, she won the National Geographic Bee, a competition that starts with nearly 5 million students each year. Caitlin is from Redmond, WA, and this was her second time representing our State in the national competition held in Washington, DC.

On Monday, Caitlin and I sat near each other on the plane flight from Seattle to Washington, DC. While everyone else was reading magazines or watching a movie, Caitlin was studying her notebooks and preparing for the competition. I had a chance to talk with her, and I could see that she was really determined and focused. I remember thinking to myself, "She's going places."

After her victory today, I called her and said: "Caitlin, I can tell that when you decide what you're going to be and what you want to do, you are going to achieve any dream you have." And I really believe that.

Caitlin won a \$25,000 college scholarship. I understand that she is the second girl to win the geographic bee since the competition started in 1989 and the fifth winner from Washington State. In fact, Washington has produced more national winners than any other State.

I want to congratulate Caitlin, her family, and friends on this great achievement and on the wonderful example she has set for young people in Washington State and around the country.●

HONORING OAK ISLAND SEAFOOD,
INC.

• Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, I wish today to recognize for the week of May 20 an outstanding small business from my home State of Maine that will on May 31 receive the Maine Exporter of the Year Award for 2007 from the Maine International Trade Center. Oak Island Seafood, Inc., of Rockland, MA is a scallop processing company. In addition to providing quality seafood products to U.S. retailers, Oak Island Seafood has expanded to include Europe and Asia in its distribution network. Incredibly, 70 percent of its finished product is exported to other countries, most notably to nations within the European Union. Clearly, Oak Island Seafood is a Maine company that has wide, international reach.

Oak Island Seafood, founded in 1995, has expanded to serve many corners of the globe over the past 12 years, while simultaneously maintaining its status as a unique small business. The company employs roughly 30 year-round employees in Rockland, an historic seaport community in Maine's well-known midcoast region where Penobscot Bay converges with the Atlantic

Ocean. Their use of state-of-the-art equipment to deliver Maine seafood to the rest of the world exemplifies the innovation that small businesses can use to do exceptional things.

With Maine's 5,500 miles of coastline, its fishing and seafood industries are clearly vital to the State's economy. And while everyone knows Maine for its lobster—which I would argue is the best—Maine's fruitful portion of the Atlantic Ocean and our many waterways provide a variety of delicious and often healthy fish and shellfish, including salmon, shrimp, and scallops. Oak Island Seafood's commitment to providing Maine seafood to not only the region but also to the rest of the world is remarkable. As fish and other fresh and frozen seafood products comprise Maine's No. 4 export industry, it is crucial that we find ways to continue augmenting the work that Oak Island Seafood and other companies do in seeking foreign markets to showcase Maine seafood. Equally necessary, we need to do all that we can to protect and preserve our seafaring families and the crucial work they undertake.

The Maine International Trade Center, which is presenting the Maine Exporter of the Year award to Oak Island Seafood, is Maine's small business link to the rest of the world. It is a public-private partnership between the State of Maine and its businesses. The center's goal is to increase international trade in Maine and in particular to assist Maine's businesses in exporting goods and services. Clearly it sees in Oak Island Seafood the entrepreneurial spirit and innovation that make Maine's small businesses so unique and successful.

I again congratulate Oak Island Seafood on being recognized Maine Exporter of the Year and wish them well. The award, which will be presented to them on Thursday, May 31, at the 27th annual Maine International Trade Day, is truly something of which we can and should all be proud.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, 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 and withdrawals which were referred to the appropriate committees.

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

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:57 a.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. 1525. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to discourage spyware, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1615. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide penalties for aiming laser pointer at airplanes, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1722. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 601 Banyan Trail in Boca Raton, Florida, as the "Leonard W. Herman Post Office".

H.R. 2264. An act to amend the Sherman Act to make oil-producing and exporting cartels illegal.

H.R. 2399. An act to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act and title 18, United States Code, to combat the crime of alien smuggling and related activities, and for other purposes.

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. 128. Concurrent resolution authorizing the printing of a commemorative document memory of the late President of the United States, Gerald Rudolph Ford.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 214. An act to amend chapter 35 of title 28, United States Code, to preserve the independence of United States attorneys.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill, with amendments, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

S. 1104. An act to increase the number of Iraqi and Afghani translators and interpreters who may be admitted to the United States as special immigrants.

At 4:10 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 4355(a), and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Board of Visitors to the United States Military Academy: Mr. Hinchey of New York, Mr. Hall of New York, Mr. McHugh of New York, and Mr. Tiahrt of Kansas.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 1525. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to discourage spyware, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 1615. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide penalties for aiming laser pointers at airplanes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 1722. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 601 Banyan Trail in Boca Raton, Florida, as the "Leonard W. Herman Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 2399. An act to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act and title 18, United States Code, to combat the crime of alien smuggling and related activities, 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. 2264. An act to amend the Sherman Act to make oil-producing and exporting cartels illegal.

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-2031. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction that was declared in Executive Order 12938 of November 14, 1994; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2032. A communication from the General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's progress in improving homeless data collection and preparing a homeless assessment report; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2033. A communication from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving U.S. exports to the Republic of Korea; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2034. A communication from the General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Affordable Housing Needs 2005"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2035. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense services associated with the Ballistic Missile Defense Expansion Project and sold commercially under contract in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more to Japan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2036. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the manufacture of defense articles abroad, including J79 engine parts, in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more to Israel; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2037. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed technical assistance agreement for the export of technical data, defense services, and defense articles, including CH-47F Chinook helicopters, in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more to the Netherlands; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2038. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Policy with Respect to Soma-

lia" (22 CFR Part 126) received on May 21, 2007; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2039. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on efforts taken by the agencies and departments of the U.S. Government relating to the prevention of nuclear proliferation from January 1, 2006, to December 31, 2006; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2040. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-44, "School Modernization Funds Submission Requirements Waiver Temporary Amendment Act of 2007" received on May 22, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2041. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-43, "Closing of a Public Alley in Squares 739, the Closure of Streets, the Opening and Widening of Streets, and the Dedication of Land for Street Purposes Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2007" received on May 22, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2042. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-45, "National Capital Revitalization Corporation and Anacostia Waterfront Corporation Freedom of Information Temporary Amendment Act of 2007" received on May 22, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2043. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-46, "Vacancy Conversion Fee Exemption Reinstatement Temporary Amendment Act of 2007" received on May 22, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2044. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-42, "Solid Waste Disposal Fee Temporary Amendment Act of 2007" received on May 22, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2045. A communication from the General Counsel, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Department of Justice Implementation of OMB Guidance on Nonprocurement Debarment and Suspension" (RIN1121-AA73) received on May 22, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with amendments:

S. 495. A bill to prevent and mitigate identity theft, to ensure privacy, to provide notice of security breaches, and to enhance criminal penalties, law enforcement assistance, and other protections against security breaches, fraudulent access, and misuse of personally identifiable information (Rept. No. 110-70).

By Mr. KOHL, from the Special Committee on Aging:

Special Report entitled "Economic Developments in Aging" (Rept. No. 110-71).

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S. 231. A bill to authorize the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program at fiscal year 2006 levels through 2012.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. LEVIN for the Committee on Armed Services.

Air Force nomination of Brigadier General Michael D. Dubie, 0000, to be Major General. Air Force nomination of Maj. Gen. Kevin J. Sullivan, 0000, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. Charles H. Jacoby, Jr., 0000, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Col. Charles W. Hooper, 0000, to be Brigadier General.

Army nomination of Col. Loree K. Sutton, 0000, to be Brigadier General.

Army nomination of Brig. Gen. Douglas L. Carver, 0000, to be Major General.

Army nomination of Col. Juan A. Ruiz, 0000, to be Brigadier General.

Army nomination of Lt. Gen. Ronald L. Burgess, Jr., 0000, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. Michael A. Vane, 0000, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. David P. Fridovich, 0000, to be Lieutenant General.

Marine Corps nomination of Lt. Gen. John G. Castellaw, 0000, to be Lieutenant General.

Marine Corps nomination of Maj. Gen. Richard C. Zilmer, 0000, to be Lieutenant General.

Marine Corps nomination of Lt. Gen. Joseph F. Weber, 0000, to be Lieutenant General.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. (lh) Michael J. Lyden, 0000, to be Rear Admiral.

Navy nominations beginning with Rear Adm. (lh) Christine S. Hunter and ending with Rear Adm. (lh) Adam M. Robinson, Jr., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 26, 2007.

Navy nomination of Capt. Richard C. Vinci, 0000, to be Rear Admiral (lower half).

Navy nominations beginning with Capt. William M. Roberts and ending with Capt. Alton L. Stocks, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional RECORD on April 11, 2007.

Navy nominations beginning with Capt. Robert J. Bianchi and ending with Capt. Thomas C. Traaen, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 11, 2007.

Navy nominations beginning with Rear Adm. (lh) Gerald R. Beaman and ending with Rear Adm. (lh) Richard B. Wren, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on May 3, 2007. (minus 1 nominee: Rear Adm. (lh) Victor G. Guillory).

Navy nominations beginning with Captain Joseph P. Aucoin and ending with Captain Nora W. Tyson, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on May 3, 2007.

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, for the Committee on Armed Services I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORDS on the dates indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Air Force nominations beginning with Jennifer S. Aaron and ending with Robert S. Zauner, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 19, 2007.

Air Force nomination of Anil P. Rajadhyax, 0000, to be Major.