

Cream, a family-owned and operated firm with a long history of dairy farming in central and western Maine, provides its customers with creamy indulgences for all tastes.

A familiar sight in Maine, people come from all around to enjoy Gifford's dozens of scrumptious, mouth-watering flavors. Serving Maine for over 100 years in the dairy business, a span of five generations, Gifford's began focusing its operations on summer treats in 1980, having previously supplied milk, cream, and other dairy products. Presently, Gifford's utilizes original family recipes to create more than 100 tempting varieties of ice cream and frozen yogurts. Crafting its rich ice cream with premium ingredients, including fresh milk and cream from local dairy farmers, Gifford's consistently churns out top-quality ice cream for its customers.

While its main location is in Skowhegan, known as the heart of Maine's farm country, Gifford's has branched out to open ice cream stands in Auburn, Bangor, Farmington, and Waterville. Its ice cream is additionally available at supermarkets and other locations throughout the Northeast. Gifford's employs 25 people year-round, as well as an additional 75 during the busy summer months.

Gifford's offers a wide array of flavors to choose from, including seasonal delights and new selections each year. From the staple vanilla and chocolate, to the eclectic orange pineapple and smurf cotton candy, Gifford's covers all its bases. Furthermore, Gifford's has recently added a number of frozen yogurt flavors, such as fudge overboard and strawberry banana, as well as no fat/no sugar added options, sherbets, and sorbets. Best of all, Gifford's offers quintessential Maine-related flavors, such as Maine maple walnut, birch bark, black bear, wild blueberry, and even deer tracks and lobster tracks. And while most everyone enjoys a good ice cream on occasion, Gifford's hasn't forgotten our four-legged friends, offering them Dog Bone Sundaes, complete with a scoop of ice cream and a dog biscuit.

Throughout its illustrious history, Gifford's has garnered numerous awards, particularly for its ice cream. Among the recognitions are first place awards from the National Ice Cream Retailers Association for its strawberry and chocolate ice creams, as well as "World's Best Vanilla" at the World Dairy Expo in Madison, WI, in 2005 and "World's Best Chocolate" at last year's expo. The Skowhegan Area Chamber of Commerce also named Gifford's Ice Cream its Large Business of the Year earlier this year.

In 2002, Gifford's began Cones for Kids, a program that rewards children 14 and younger who excel in academics, advance in scouting, or make a difference in their community. From earning an A on a reading quiz to volunteering at the neighborhood 4-H club, students can receive a free ice

cream cone by enriching their lives through a host of positive and engaging activities.

What has made Gifford's so successful both in the dairy business and at its ice cream stands is a passion for pleasing its customers. Setting out to create new flavors of ice cream every year, whether it be apple pie or peanut butter caramel cookie dough, Gifford's has transformed itself from a small dairy farm to Maine's largest statewide, independent, family-owned ice cream company. I congratulate president Roger Gifford, treasurer John Gifford, and everyone at Gifford's Ice Cream for their tremendous success, and wish them well this summer and beyond.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Neiman, 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, a treaty and a withdrawal which were referred to the appropriate committees.

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

REPORT ON THE CONTINUATION OF EMERGENCY REGARDING EXPORT CONTROL REGULATIONS UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 13222 DATED AUGUST 17, 2001—PM 59

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban, Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)), provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice, stating that the emergency caused by the lapse of the Export Administration Act of 1979, as amended, is to continue in effect for 1 year beyond August 17, 2008.

GEORGE W. BUSH.
THE WHITE HOUSE, July 23, 2008.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 1:04 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by

Mrs. Cole, 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. 4049. An act to amend section 5318 of title 31, United States Code, to eliminate regulatory burdens imposed on insured depository institutions and money services businesses and enhance the availability of transaction accounts at depository institutions for such business, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5235. An act to establish the Ronald Reagan Centennial Commission.

H.R. 6226. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 300 East 3rd Street in Jamestown, New York, as the "Stan Lundine Post Office Building".

H.R. 6493. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to enhance aviation safety.

H.R. 6531. An act to amend chapter 13 of title 17, United States Code (relating to the vessel hull design protection), to clarify the definitions of a hull and a deck.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.J. Res. 93. Joint resolution approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003.

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

S. 2565. An act to establish an awards mechanism to honor exceptional acts of bravery in the line of duty by Federal, State, and local law enforcement officers.

S. 2766. An act to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to address certain discharges incidental to the normal operation of a recreational vessel.

S. 3298. An act to clarify the circumstances during which the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency and applicable States may require permits for discharges from certain vessels, and to require the Administrator to conduct a study of discharges incidental to the normal operation of vessels.

The message also announced that the House insists upon its amendment to the bill (S. 294) to reauthorize Amtrak, and for other purposes, and requests a conference with the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints the following Members to be managers of the conference on the part of the House:

From the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for consideration of the Senate bill and the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. OBERSTAR, Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, Messrs. CUMMINGS, CAPUANO, BISHOP of New York, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Messrs. LIPINKSI, BRALEY of Iowa, ARCURI, MICA, PETRI, LATOURETTE, BROWN of South Carolina, SHUSTER, MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida and WESTMORELAND.

From the Committee on Science and Technology, for consideration of sections 105 and 305 of the Senate bill, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. GORDON of Tennessee, WU, and GINGREY.

At 5:45 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by

Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the amendments of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3221) moving the United States toward greater energy independence and security, developing innovative new technologies, reducing carbon emissions, creating green jobs, protecting consumers, increasing clean renewable energy production, and modernizing our energy infrastructure, and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives for the production of renewable energy and energy conservation, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 4049. An act to amend section 5318 of title 31, United States Code, to eliminate regulatory burdens imposed on insured depository institutions and money services businesses and enhance the availability of transaction accounts at depository institutions for such business, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 6226. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 300 East 3rd Street in Jamestown, New York, as the "Stan Lundine Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 6493. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to enhance aviation safety; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 3297. A bill to advance America's priorities.

The following joint resolution was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.J. Res. 93. Joint resolution approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003.

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-7232. A communication from the Secretary, Department of Agriculture, transmitting draft legislation to amend the United States Grain Standards Act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to recover through user fees the cost of standardization activities; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7233. A communication from the Secretary, Department of Agriculture, transmitting draft legislation to remove the prohibition against the rescission of certain

unadvanced telecommunications loan balances; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7234. A communication from the Acting Director of Grants Management Division, Office of Acquisition Management, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Non-Procurement Debarment and Suspension (title 2 CFR)" (RIN0605-AA23) received on July 18, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7235. A communication from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Stratospheric Ozone Protection of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7236. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Delaware; Reasonably Available Control Technology Under the 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard" (FRL No. 8696-6) received on July 22, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7237. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans; Idaho" (FRL No. 8697-1) received on July 22, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7238. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fludioxonil; Pesticide Tolerance for Emergency Exemption" (FRL No. 8369-5) received on July 22, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7239. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Semiconductor Manufacturing" (FRL No. 8695-9) received on July 22, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7240. A communication from the Chief of Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "United States-Bahrain Free Trade Agreement" (RIN1505-AB81) received on July 18, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7241. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Imports of Certain Cotton Shirting Fabric: Implementation of Tariff Rate Quota Established Under the Tax Relief and Health Care Act of 2006" received on July 22, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7242. A communication from the Acting 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 in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more to the Government of Turkey; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7243. A communication from the Acting 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 in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more to the Governments of Australia, Bermuda, Indonesia, the Philippines, and Singapore; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7244. A communication from the Acting 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 to support the development of the AN/APX-68 Transponder Set and Control Box to the Government of Japan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7245. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Inspector General received on July 22, 2008; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7246. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary of State for Diplomatic Security received on July 23, 2008; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7247. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary of State for Political-Military Affairs received on July 23, 2008; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7248. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and designation of an acting officer in the position of Inspector General received on July 23, 2008; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7249. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Taiwan Relations Act, 22 U.S.C. 3311, as amended, the text of an agreement between the American Institute in Taiwan and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7250. A communication from the Chairman, Railroad Retirement Board, pursuant to law, an annual report for the year of 2008; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7251. A communication from the Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of the Inspector General's Semi-annual Report for the period of October 1, 2007, through March 31, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7252. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel and Designated Reporting Official, Office of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and nomination in the position of Deputy Director for State, Local, and Tribal Affairs; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-420. A concurrent resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana urging Congress to extend the Gulf Opportunity Zone Act of 2005 bonus depreciation benefit to all parishes in the Gulf Opportunity Zone; to the Committee on Finance.